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RE: Public Power Districts Election Timetable for 2014

Dear Mr. Bredekamp:

The following timetable applies to the election of Public Power District Directors for the general election to be held in November of 2014. The majority of your member districts have annual gross revenues of less than \$40,000,000. Candidates for election in districts with gross of less than \$40,000,000 do not run in the primary election. Districts with annual revenues of \$40,000,000 or more are required to run in the primary election and therefore have different timelines, which are described at the end of this letter.

Timetable for Districts with Annual Revenue of Less Than \$40,000,000.

May 1. On or before May 1, Districts are required to notify customers served with electricity outside the chartered territory, of that customer's right to vote and serve on the board. The notice may be sent as part of the regular billing statement if sent by First-Class mail and is conspicuously marked. Notice is to be given at least 60 days prior to the time the election certification and publication information is transmitted to the Secretary of State, which is July 1 (NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 70-604.03(3) and 70-611(2) and (3)).

June 15. On or before June 15, customers served with electricity outside the chartered territory are required to file a request with a District to be certified as being eligible to vote and run for the board. The request is to be made 15 days prior to the date the District is required to send the certification to the Secretary of State (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-604.03(3)).

July 1. Not later than July 1, Districts are required to certify to the Secretary of State on forms supplied by the Secretary of State, the following:

(a) the names of counties where all electors are eligible to vote (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-611));

(b) for other counties, the name of election precincts within such counties where electors are eligible to vote, excluding municipalities in which voters are not eligible to vote (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-611));

(c) if precincts are divided or customers certified, the district is required to transmit all necessary information relevant to such division or certification along with the election certification and publication provided by § 70-611 (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-604.03(4)).

The certification should include the name of the subdivision, the length of the terms of office, the vacancies that are to be filled by election and the length of the remaining term, and the number of votes to be cast by a voter for each office (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-404(3)).

On or before the date the certification is filed (July 1), the Secretary of the District is required to publish once, in a newspaper or papers of general circulation within the District, a list of incumbent directors, naming the counties and precincts, in the same general form as the certification to the Secretary of State (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-611(3)).

July 10. Districts are required to file a certified copy of the published notice referred to above with the Secretary of State within 10 days of publication (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-611(3)).

July 15. An incumbent director is required to file as a candidate with the Secretary of State by July 15. An incumbent is prohibited from resigning to become a non-incumbent candidate. A candidate filing form may be faxed to the Secretary of State's office if the fax is received by the filing deadline, with the original mailed with a legible postmark bearing a date on or prior to the filing deadline (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-606(2)).

August 1. A Non-incumbent candidate is required to file for office by August 1 (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-606(2)).

Filing fee. On or before July 15, a filing fee of \$10 is required to be paid to the Secretary of State, and the receipt for the filing fee, along with the nomination papers, voter registration certificate (if required), and completed Statement of Financial Interest form must also be filed with the Secretary of State (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-608(2)(b)).

July 20 for incumbents or August 5 for non-incumbents. Within five (5) days of the filing deadline for office, a candidate is required to file a copy of the completed Statement of Financial Interest form with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. NEB. REV. STAT. § 49-1494.

July 22 for incumbents or August 8 for non-incumbents. Within seven (7) days after the filing deadline July 15 for incumbents and August 1 for non-incumbents, written objections are required to be made and filed to a candidate's qualifications. If no objection is filed, papers filed by a candidate that appear to comply with the law are deemed valid (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-624).

September 1. The deadline for candidates nominated by petition is September 1 (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-617).

Write-in Candidates. The deadline for filing papers for write-in candidates is ten (10) days before the General Election (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-615).

Statewide General Election. The statewide general election is held in even numbered years on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-403). In 2014, the statewide general election will be held November 4.

Certificate of Election. Within 40 days after General Election, the Secretary of State is required to provide a certificate of election to the person who has been elected (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-1040).

Newly Elected Directors Take Office. Newly elected directors are eligible to begin their term on the first Thursday after first Tuesday in January after their election (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-615). NEB. Rev. Stat. § 70-617 was repealed in 2000 and therefore, newly elected directors are not required to post a bond. Every newly elected director is required to take and subscribe to the oath of office. The oath signed by a newly elected director is required to be filed with the Secretary of State (NEB. REV. STAT. § 70-616).

Timetable for Districts with annual revenues of \$40,000,000 or more.

For a public power district grossing more than forty million dollars, candidates for directors are required to run in the statewide primary election, which are held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May in even numbered years (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-401). Section 32-404(2) requires the election commissioners or county clerk to give notice not later than May 13th, of each odd-numbered year, to each political subdivision of the filing deadlines for the statewide primary election. Section 32-404(2) and 70-611(1) require that “not later than January 5 in each even numbered year, the secretary of the district shall certify to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State the names of the counties in which all registered voters are eligible to vote for public power district candidates and for other counties the names of the election precincts within each county excluding municipalities in which voters are not eligible to vote on public power district candidates. The secretary shall also certify the number of directors to be elected and length of terms for which each is to be elected.” Incumbents have a filing deadline of February 15 prior to the primary election, and all other candidates have a March 1 deadline (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-606(1)). On or before February 15, a filing fee of \$25 is required to be paid to the Secretary of State, and the receipt for the filing fee, along with the nomination papers, voter registration certificate (if required), and completed Statement of Financial Interest form must also be filed with the Secretary of State (NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-608(2)(b)). Within five (5) days of the filing deadline for office, a candidate is required to file a copy of the completed Statement of Financial Interest form with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NEB. REV. STAT. § 49-1494). Incumbent candidates who filed to run for office during 2013 have until April 1 to file the Statement of Financial Interests NADC Form C-1 (covering calendar year 2013). On or before April 14, May 5, and June 23, 2014 candidates must file the Election Campaign Statement NADC Form B-1 (NEB. REV. STAT. §49-1461).

Each manager should make their directors aware of the applicable deadlines. You are welcome to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,



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