

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into  
Fees Charged to Qualifying Facilities by  
Cooperative Electric Associations under the 2015  
Amendments to Minn. Stat. 216B.164, subd. 3**

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**DOCKET E-999/PR16-  
NO.: 512  
Date: 2/9/2017**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The comment deadline in the 16-512 docket is currently set for February 10, 2017. **Fresh Energy and the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) jointly request the Public Utilities Commission suspend the comment period on the 16-512 docket.** The legislature is currently considering changes to the section of the statute under investigation in the 16-512 docket. In the interest of efficiency of Commission resources we request the Commission suspend the comment period on the policy issues under consideration in this docket until the extent of any statutory changes is known.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Allen Gleckner*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jim Horan, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at Maple Grove, Minnesota.

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**Minnesota Rural Electric Association**

**DOCKET NO.: E-999/PR-16-512**

**Request to Suspend Comment Period**

**Date: 2/9/2017**

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*/s/Jim Horan*

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