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Directors, Mr. Pope, NPPD Staff,

For myself and the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, thank you for your time today.

As you all know, the news on Tuesday that the Supreme Court stayed the Clean Power Plan caused an immediate delay for preparations the NDEQ was making for a Nebraska solution. That is a suspension and not a stop for now.

During the past few months, as part of preparations for a carbon mitigation strategy, the UNL Department of Agricultural Economics did a survey for the NDEQ. The survey results showed that a majority of Nebraska households agreed or strongly agreed with the following:

- +Nebraska should have a state developed plan
- +environmental impact should be considered
- +there should be more development of renewable energy
- +there should be less investment in coal production
- +they are willing to pay more to support renewable energy

The results were surprising to NDEQ staff, but not to those of us who work across the state on these issues. While we are waiting for the courts to decide the case of the Clean Power Plan, I am here to ask that the Board of Directors and Leadership review and update an Integrated Resource Plan, and in doing so, consider the results of the UNL/NDEQ survey.

Director Kunze, I read your comment reported by the World Herald today that you want to be good stewards and do the right thing for consumers. Nebraska consumers want a clean energy future. You have the ability to plan for that future now.

Any questions?

Thank you.

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