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VIA EMAIL

Attn: Ms. Angel De Fazio  
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Re: Request for Records

Dear Ms. De Fazio:

On January 3, 2017, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the "Commission") received your request for a "[c]opy of travel expenses-hotel reservations- showing the class of rooms reserved for the NARUC conference in February in DC. Also, what class for plane travel."

The documents memorializing the requested information contain a significant amount of confidential material, the redaction of which would require the use of extraordinary resources. Therefore, in the interest of efficiency, I will simply provide the information at the heart of your request. With regard to hotel reservations for Commission personnel attending the upcoming NARUC Winter Meetings, the Commission booked only "standard" hotel rooms, which were part of a block of rooms reserved for persons attending the event. For air travel, the flights booked by the Commission were all priced as "Wanna Get Away" fares by Southwest Airlines. The Commission did not upgrade any of its employees' hotel rooms or flights.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 239.0107(1)(d), if a governmental entity denies a person's request to inspect a public record, or a part thereof, based on the confidential nature of the record, the governmental entity must provide written notice of the existence of the confidential record and a citation to the specific statute or other legal authority supporting the record's confidentiality. Therefore, the Commission now provides you with notice that, balancing the interest for nondisclosure (ensuring employee safety and security) against the general policy in favor of an open and accessible government<sup>1</sup>, it is withholding records of reservations that include private account information and other specific details regarding employees' future travel plans.

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<sup>1</sup> There is a presumption that "all public records are open to public disclosure unless either (1) the Legislature has expressly and unequivocally created an exemption or exception by statute...or (2) balancing the private or law enforcement interests for nondisclosure against the general policy in favor of

If you have any questions or wish to clarify your request to inspect public records, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Stephanie Mullen, Executive Director