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Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules as Required by
Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5

Dear Governor Pawlenty, Senators, Representatives, Director Hubinger and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs the Commission to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The Commission reports as follows:

The Commission has previously declared its intention to conform its Telephone Assistance Plan rules (Minn. R. Chap. 7817), to statutory changes. That process is underway. See *In the Matter of the Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Telephone Assistance Plan, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7817*, Docket No. P-999/R-08-1126.

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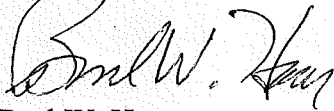
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Also, two rules (Minn. R., pt. 7826.0200, subp. 3; pt. 7826.1500) refer to the Commission's Cold Weather Rule being codified in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7820. Those references became obsolete when the Legislature adopted new Cold Weather Rule language at Minnesota Statutes § 216B.096 (Laws 2007, ch. 57, art. 2). The Commission is seeking to have the obsolete rule language modified by statute.

The Commission has reviewed its rules and found no others that have become obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative over the course of the last year.

Please let me know if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Executive Secretary