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By email

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Rules Review Commission

Re: Step 1 Reports and Request for Early Review  
Pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0205

Dear Seth:

I am writing to request early review of our attached Step 1 reports for the following rules:

- 18 NCAC 01, Departmental Rules (2 rules),
- 18 NCAC 04, Business Registration Division (23 rules), and
- 18 NCAC 13, State Franchise for Cable Television Service (39 rules).

The classification reports for these Subchapters have been posted on our website and that of OAH. The public comment period was open from April 9, 2025 through June 9, 2025. Notice was also sent to those on our interested persons list. No public comments were received.

These subchapters are presently on the RRC schedule for October 2025. I am writing to request that you do the following:

1. Schedule the Department's Request for Early Review for the RRC's June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. If the RRC approves Early Review, I am asking that they schedule the early review of the Step One reports for the same meeting, June 26, 2025.

If the RRC approves the two requests above, that will conclude RRC review of 18 NCAC Step 1 reports for the Department of the Secretary of State.

Early review by RRC will mean early review by the Joint Administrative Procedures Oversight Committee followed by early negotiations and agreement on the schedule for readoption of these rules. The Department seeks to finalize the readoption schedule for all of its rules so that it can begin determining how to allocate the resources necessary to the readoption process.

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This request has been posted on our website and notice has been sent to our interested persons list. The website posting and notice to our interested persons list both include the mandated provision that anyone wishing to object to expedited review may contact the RRC. 26 NCAC 05 .0205(b).

We understand that your recommendation to RRC regarding our early review request is contingent on your workload and that of the Commission. I appreciate your willingness to consider this request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Regards,



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