

North Carolina Department of Commerce

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> Re: NC Department of Commerce Periodic Review of Existing Rules Request for Extension of Time 26 NCAC 05 .0204

Dear Ms. Reeder:

I am writing to you pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0204(a) to request an extension of time within which to file the Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules Report for submission to the Rules Review Commission from for the NC Department of Commerce (Commerce), Division of Business Assistance (04 NCAC 14).

There is one active rule under Chapter 14, while the rest have been repealed. The remaining rule (04 NCAC 14A .0104) has been preliminarily designated by Commerce as "Unnecessary." On August 15, 2014, we initiated the Periodic Review process consistent with 26 NCAC 05. However, due to a miscalculation, the process was not initiated early enough to meet the Commission's deadline. As a result, the 60-day comment period will expire on October 21, 2014, which is six (6) days after the date we are required to submit the final Report to the Commission for consideration at its November meeting.

For this reason, I am hereby requesting the Commission grant an extension of time for the Department to submit the report for the Division of Business Assistance (04 NCAC 14), in

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accordance with 26 NCAC 05 .0204(a)(1) and (a)(3), and allow us to present the rule at the Commission's regularly scheduled November meeting.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Sharon A. Decker Secretary of Commerce

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