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The Honorable Garth K. Dunklin Chairman, Rules Review Commission Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609

RE: Schedule for Periodic Review of Existing Rules for the Department of Administration 01 NCAC 38; 01 NCAC 39; 01 NCAC 40; 01 NCAC 43; 01NCAC 44

Dear Chairman Dunklin:

On behalf of the Department of Administration, we seek the Commission's approval and assistance to reschedule review of the above-referenced rules from November 16, 2017 until February 15, 2018.

Following his appointment, our General Counsel has dutifully attempted to gain a comprehensive understanding of the responsibilities attendant to his designation as the Department's Rulemaking Coordinator. His efforts have included attendance at two rulemaking training sessions at OAH, one of which specifically focused on the readoption process. Unfortunately, we only recently became aware of the status of the 100+ rules referenced above. The existing rules review process had begun and scheduling and deadlines had been established pursuant to communications addressed to the prior Rulemaking Coordinator of which we had no knowledge. Our consultation with RRC staff counsel about the circumstances presented resulted in the recommendation that we request the Commission's approval for an extension of time from the pre-existing review schedule.

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The referenced rules include those applicable to the Department's Surplus Property and Motor Fleet Management Divisions, as well as other important functions. The requested rescheduling will facilitate appropriate agency review as well as the requisite public notice and comment period of these important substantive matters.

Our General Counsel plans to attend the Commission's August 17th meeting and will be available to answer any questions concerning this request. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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