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VIA E-MAIL

Rules Review Commission
c/o Abigail Hammond
Commission Counsel
N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings
1711 New Hope Church Road
Raleigh, NC 27609-6285

Re: Readoption Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.3A(c)(2)(g) of
25 NCAC 01J

Ms. Hammond:

The State Human Resources Commission was instructed to readopt fourteen (14) rules in 25 NCAC 01J no later than January 31, 2018. To that end, the State Human Resources Commission will publish a Notice of Text in the November 15, 2017 edition of the *N.C. Register* in which it will propose readoption of the subject rules. However, due to staffing and scheduling hardships, the Commission respectfully requests an extension to April 30, 2018, to readopt the aforementioned rules. The Commission's reasons for this request are summarized as follows:

In September of 2017, the terms of several members of the Commission ended, which simultaneously removed their status as active members of the Commission and created vacancies. Accordingly, the Office of State Human Resources is currently working to fill vacancies with persons who meet the statutory requirements for Commission membership. In part, due to this ongoing effort, the October meeting of the Commission has been cancelled and the Commission's next meetings are scheduled for December 7, 2017 and February 1, 2018. The membership staffing challenges coupled with the Commission's meeting schedule will prevent the Commission from meeting its January 31, 2018 readoption deadline. Additionally, the Commission's rulemaking coordinators were changed and were unavailable during essential periods preceding this request.

Accordingly, in response to these staffing and scheduling hardships, and to afford the new Commission members the opportunity to review and participate in the pending rulemaking process, we respectfully request an extension to April 30, 2018 to readopt the aforementioned rules. This will provide the Commission with an opportunity to readopt the rules in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jessica Middlebrooks

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