



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Memorandum

TO: Doug Burgum, Governor and Chairman
Drew Wrigley, Attorney General
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FR: Reice Haase, Deputy Executive Director

DT: October 31, 2023

RE: Special Grant Round for Carbon Capture and Utilization Education and Marketing

Section 10 of HB 1014 passed by the 68th Legislative Assembly included an appropriation of \$300,000 "to contract for carbon capture and utilization education and marketing". The lignite research fund, oil and gas research fund, and renewable energy development fund are directed to each contribute \$100,000 to the effort. The Commission is directed to develop the contract in consultation with each of the fund's respective research councils.

The next meetings of the respective councils are currently scheduled as follows:

- Renewable Energy Council: November 6th, 2023
- Lignite Research Council: November 9th, 2023
- Oil and Gas Research Council: December 2023

Each research program has a similar process for accepting grant applications, including a similar application, technical review, Council recommendation, and contracting with the Commission. A combined special grant round would facilitate a thorough review of applications and would allow the Commission to efficiently consult with all three councils prior to considering a contract that would meet the legislative intent of HB 1014.

Therefore, I recommend that the Commission authorizes a special grant round of the combined Renewable Energy, Lignite Research and Oil and Gas Research Councils for the purpose of soliciting proposals to conduct carbon capture and utilization education and marketing, during which the Commission would consider for approval only such applications that receive a positive recommendation from all three research councils.

SECTION 10. TRANSFER - FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND - CARBON CAPTURE EDUCATION.

The sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the appropriation in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, may be transferred from funds under the control of the industrial commission to the industrial commission fund to contract for carbon capture and utilization education and marketing in consultation with the lignite research council, the oil and gas research council, and the renewable energy council. Of the \$300,000, the industrial commission may transfer:

1. Up to \$100,000 from the lignite research fund;
2. Up to \$100,000 from the oil and gas research fund; and
3. Up to \$100,000 from the renewable energy development fund.