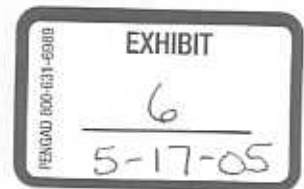


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VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable James E. Brogdon
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Dear Judge Brogdon:

I appreciate your help in assimilating documents that will allow for Committee staff to efficiently screen the Governor's four appointees to the Board of the Public Service Authority. With your continuing assistance and guidance, I hope to eliminate "fishing expeditions" for documents and focus, instead, on certain core issues.

As per our conversation yesterday, thank you for forwarding to me the Authority's earlier FOIA response(s) to Kyle Stock of the *Post Courier*. It is my understanding that these response are inclusive of all documents held by the Authority relating to the valuation of and possible privatization or sale of the Authority by an investment banking group. I also understand these responses to be inclusive of all related e-mails, correspondence, and board minutes.

I would also hope that these copies would include any document relating to the Authority's payment, in whole or part, for any such study. Specifically, I would ask that I might be provided documentation authorizing the payment, "coding such payment," and establishing the amount paid as an obligation or liability of the Authority. It would be helpful if such documentation reflected transaction and/or transmittal dates.

I would like to communicate with the investment banking group so as to determine the timing of certain events. In order to protect the integrity of the study and your client relationship with the investment banking group, I would be happy to make contact via teleconference with you or a representative of the Authority participating in the call. Could you provide me with the names and telephone number of a contact person and make advance contact with such person so as to facilitate my communications with them?

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On a separate matter, I would appreciate the opportunity to be initially briefed and later supplied documentation as to the Authority's compensation of executives or board members leaving service with the Authority. Beyond compensation granted, I would wish to review documents establishing ongoing relationships or obligations between the Authority and these individuals after their date of departure. I would ask that this information cover the time period of 1975 to the present.

Finally, I would appreciate a copy of the long-term contract governing the sale and purchase of power between the Authority and Central Electric Cooperative. I am not aware of the specific title of this contract or whether such agreement may actually find ultimate form in several agreements. In any case, I am asking for those documents that establish the Authority's and Central's long-term relationship.

Pamela Williams provided us copies of the Board and Committee minutes for 2003-2004. We are beginning to make a list of referenced documents that we do not have so we may obtain copies from the Authority. We hope to finalize our list in the next few days.

Should you need to reach me, please call (803) 917-1545. Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,



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