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Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Building 16 West Jones Street Raleigh, NC 27601

Attention: Committee Chairs and Committee Assistant

Fiscal Research Division North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Building – Suite 619 300 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

RE: Financing for the Purchase and Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is notifying the Fiscal Research Division of the intent of City of Raeford to apply to the NC Local Government Commission for authorization to borrow \$1.3 million dollars under installment purchase financing to pay for the purchase and installation of advanced metering infrastructure throughout the City of Raeford Water System. The annual debt service on the project is expected to not exceed \$149,536 and will be paid back with water sales revenue recovered from current inaccurate measuring due to aging meters, growth in water sales from new customers, adjustments in the water rates when necessary, and reduction in operational costs as a result of the new advanced metering infrastructure.

Respectfully,

Scott L. Edwards Finance Officer

cc: Local Government Commission