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Renné Vance, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5918

**Re: Investigation of Integrated Resource Planning Docket No. E-100, Sub
128 Public Staff Comments Dated January 13, 2012**

Dear Ms. Vance:

In response to the Public Staff's comment on page 13, Section V. B. DSM/EE Programs and Education Initiatives, the third sentence states "*Additionally, Rutherford included a new smart meter program that provides customers with usage information through a secure web-based portal, though it is unclear whether Rutherford considered the program to be an EE program.*" Rutherford EMC would like to clarify with the Commission that Rutherford does not consider this program to be an Energy Efficiency program but instead they are considering this a Consumer Education Program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 828.245.1621.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Joplin
General Manager

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