

Dear Fellow NDCAP Panelists:

To promote efficiency in resolving the issue slated for our special meeting next week—transferring primary funding obligations from the Department of Public Service to NorthStar—Representative Coffey and I have worked on the attached proposal for discussion.

The proposal was informed by NorthStar's analysis of the existing NDCAP statute (presented in the attached as item #1) and suggestion that the current statutory language presents an opportunity for NorthStar to voluntarily provide funding pursuant to a binding agreement such as a Memorandum of Understanding. NorthStar pointed this out to Representative Coffey and me, and we agree with that reading of the statute. As we can explain further at the meeting, proceeding under the statute as it currently exists would save substantial time and avoid uncertainty in the legislative process.

In consultation with Institute for Nuclear Host Communities, Representative Coffey and I, devised the details of the proposed budget and reasonable annual expenses presented in item #2. Earlier this week, we shared these details with NorthStar. While not committing to any of the specifics, NorthStar has communicated to me that they believe this is a reasonable point of departure for discussion with the full NDCAP at the upcoming meeting. We share this proposal with that context.

We hope this is helpful and we look forward to a constructive discussion around it at the meeting.