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Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules as Required by  
Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5

Dear Governor Pawlenty, Senators, Representatives, Director Hubinger and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs the Commission to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The Commission reports as follows:

The Commission has previously declared its intention to conform its Telephone Assistance Plan rules (Minn. R. Chap. 7817), to statutory changes. That process is underway. See *In the Matter of the Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Telephone Assistance Plan, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7817*, Docket No. P-999/R-08-1126.

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Also, two rules (Minn. R., pt. 7826.0200, subp. 3; pt. 7826.1500) refer to the Commission's Cold Weather Rule being codified in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7820. Those references became obsolete when the Legislature adopted new Cold Weather Rule language at Minnesota Statutes § 216B.096 (Laws 2007, ch. 57, art. 2). The Commission is seeking to have the obsolete rule language modified by statute.

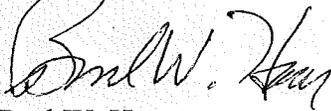
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The Commission has reviewed its rules and found no others that have become obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative over the course of the last year.

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Please let me know if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary