

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MONTANA

EXHIBIT NO. 5
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BILL NO. SB 176

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Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella
Chair
Senate Business, Labor & Economic Affairs Committee

Re: SB 176

Dear Chairman Cocchiarella;

The Public Service Commission has no position on SB 176, but the PSC had planned that the staff attorney who has been involved in stakeholder discussions over the years regarding utility appliance merchandising issues would attend today's hearing to answer any questions that might arise for the PSC. Unfortunately, that staff attorney is not available today due to illness in his family. As a result, no one from the PSC will be present at today's hearing, but there will be someone from the PSC present to take questions, if necessary, when your committee takes executive action on SB 176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Jergeson".

Greg Jergeson
Chairman