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Dear Commissioners,

The Transportation Interim Committee is studying electric vehicles as part of its interim work. Through research and testimony, electric vehicle charging has emerged as an issue. Under 69-8-802 MCA, the Public Service Commission may approve a rate for a public utility to provide electric service to an electric vehicle charging station. Further, 69-8-803(4) MCA prohibits charges related to fueling electric vehicles based on the cost of electricity. The Transportation Interim Committee would like to know how electric vehicle charging station rates are approved and what considerations go into setting a rate to provide electric services to a charging station.

The Transportation Interim Committee is concerned out-of-state travelers will not be contributing to the state highway fund. As electric vehicles gain popularity, it is essential to ensure a process to allow public utilities to provide electric services to charging stations at a fair rate to the customer, the utility, and all Montanans. The Committee requests a response, in writing, before its July 7th meeting.

Regards,

Senator Diane Sands, Chair