



December 9, 2022

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Through: Nancy Dragani
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Dear Ms. Bink:

Under the provisions of 44 C.F.R. §206.36(a), I hereby request an extension until January 10, 2023, to submit a request for a major disaster for the State of North Dakota as a result of a severe winter storm that occurred from November 9-11, 2022.

Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. §206.36(a), this is the written request for an extension within 30 days of the occurrence of the incident. The primary reason for this request is because one of the Rural Electric Cooperatives (RECs) that suffered severe damages from this event is still working to collect all its mutual aid costs and invoices. The REC in question had to activate mutual aid with eight different RECs for materials and staff to perform emergency repairs, and by the time they will be able to gather all the required documentation for the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), there would not be enough time to validate the damages with FEMA before the current declaration deadline would pass. I am also requesting the full 30-day extension due to the week of December 26- 30, 2022, which is a holiday week where local, state and federal staff required to complete the PDA process may be unavailable.

At this time, the statewide PDA for this event is expected to be completed and validated by January 6, 2023, and the major disaster declaration request will be submitted to FEMA by the extended deadline date of January 10, 2023.

Major General Alan S. Dohrmann will serve as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Regards,

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Doug Burgum
Governor

CC: MG Alan S. Dohrmann, Director, North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
Darin Hanson, Director, North Dakota Division of Homeland Security
Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief, ND Division of Homeland Security