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Government Finance Officers Association  
203 N LaSalle Street, Suite 2700  
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Request for an extension of time for Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission to participation in the 2025 COA Program

Dear Government Finance Officers Association:

The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) is requesting an extension of time to participation in the 2025 COA program due to new software implementation.

With contracted services from the GFOA, the GRPUC contracted to purchase new enterprise resource planning and utility billing software in early 2024. This was a joint purchase with the City of Grand Rapids, which had many months of collaborative planning and preparation. Our implementation started in August 2025 and continued through the end of 2025. It is taking longer than planned to balance our software implementations between our legacy system and new software and our 2025 audited financial statements are not finalized.

GRPUC has already requested a time extension for filing our 2025 audited financial statements with the Office of Minnesota State Auditor and this request has been ratified by the GRPU Commission.

Thank you for your consideration to approve an extension of time for GRPUC to participate in the 2025 COA program.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Kennedy  
General Manager

Taylor L. Bird  
Finance Manager