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Chris,

The NC 1030 Technical Committee would like to retain our current NC 1030 number for the next project. This committee originally began in 1984 as NE 167, and would still have that number if we had been able to remain in the NE region. Our long history as a committee means that we have many readers and colleagues who know us “by number”. The NC 1030 number has been very important to our group and the audience reading our research, which included research, instruction and extension faculty; policy makers, practitioners and business owners. It is mentioned in nearly every manuscript we have published and has tracked research data collection efforts sponsored by the AES in each state. A change in number would be a disconnect for our audience.

Our projects are sequential in character, building on one another. Maintaining the numerical connection helps to emphasize the theoretical and methodological connection. It also simplifies how we refer to our past work in manuscripts if we have the same number labeling the present and future work. A new number would mean that we would need to list NE 167 and NC 1030 and NC XXXX in every publication and reference.

In addition, we have two NSF grant awards that are closely identified with NC 1030 and the proposals for those awards directly link the grant work with the NC 1030 research team. We believe it is important to retain our identity as NC 1030 beyond the duration of those grants and follow-up reports to NSF. Our funding source needs to be able to follow the work of NC 1030. We don't want anyone who supports us to think we no longer exist because they can find no current work as “NC 1030”. These grants are:

Marshall, M. & Schrank, H. Small Business Demise and Recovery after a Natural Disaster. National Science Foundation, \$417,583, 9/1/2009 – 8/31/2011.

Danes, S., Stafford, K. & Haynes, G., Family Business Response to Federal Disaster Assistance, National Science Foundation, \$272,587, 10/2006 – 09/2007.

Thank you for considering our request to retain the NC1030 number for the revised project.

Sincerely,

George Haynes, Co-Chair