#### NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

## **ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order

Roll call

Consideration of the minutes of the November 29-30, 2017, meeting

Comments by the Chairman

#### **ELECTRICAL GENERATION MARKET REVIEW**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dale Niezwaag, Vice President of Government Relations, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Mr. Jay Skabo, Vice President of Electric Supply, Montana-Dakota Utilities, regarding a review of information on electrical generation

markets presented at the October 9-10, 2017, meeting

### REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS

9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Brian Tulloh, Executive Director, North Region External Affairs Division, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., regarding electricity pricing

and dispatch in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator service area

10:35 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lanny Nickell, Vice President, Engineering, Southwest Power Pool,

Inc., regarding electricity pricing and dispatch in the Southwest Power Pool service

area

11:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Anthony T. Clark, Senior Advisor, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP,

regarding an update on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order to examine

the resilience of the power grid

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

### **ENERGY SUPPLY AND PRICE VARIATIONS**

1:00 p.m. Presentation of information regarding the impact of recent cold weather on the supply and price of energy by representatives of the following:

- Ms. Julie Pierce, Vice President of Strategy and Planning, ALLETE, Inc.
- Mr. Dale Niezwaag, Vice President of Government Relations, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Mr. Rick Lancaster, Vice President and Chief Generation Officer, Great River Energy
- Mr. Todd Sailer, Senior Manager of Energy Supply, Minnkota Power Cooperative
- Mr. Jay Skabo, Vice President of Electric Supply, Montana-Dakota Utilities
- Mr. Bradley E. Tollerson, Vice President, Energy Supply, Otter Tail Power Company
- Ms. Laura McCarten, Regional Vice President, Xcel Energy, Inc.

#### WIND ENERGY OPERATIONS

2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark Walter, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Tradewind Energy, Inc., regarding an overview of Tradewind Energy's operations in North Dakota and other information about wind energy

# **ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES**

2:15 p.m.	Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of memorandums regarding the following:
	<ul> <li>Comparison of coal-, natural gas-, and wind-powered energy sources</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>State tax incentives for coal, oil and gas, and wind</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Federal tax incentives for coal, oil and gas, and wind</li> </ul>
2:30 p.m.	Presentation by a representative of the Tax Department regarding a comparison of the estimated fiscal impact of sales tax exemptions for coal-, natural gas-, and wind-powered facilities
2:40 p.m.	Comments by interested persons regarding state and federal energy tax incentives
NATURAL GAS PRICING	
2:50 p.m.	Presentation by Chairman Wardner regarding an overview of natural gas pricing related to a report on the study of the valuation of oil and gas pursuant to Section 21 of 2017 Senate Bill No. 2013
3:20 p.m.	Comments by interested persons
3:30 p.m.	Committee discussion
3:45 p.m.	Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Senators: Rich Wardner (Chairman), Brad Bekkedahl, Jim Dotzenrod, Merrill Piepkorn, David S. Rust,

Jessica Unruh

Representatives: Tracy Boe, Mike Brandenburg, Ben Koppelman, Corey Mock, Todd Porter, Gary R. Sukut

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