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## ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Discovery Hall, Energy and Environmental Research Center, 15 North 23rd Street  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the February 26, 2026, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Tour of the Minnkota Power Cooperative headquarters and energy control center
- 11:00 a.m. Presentations by Mr. Claire Vigesaa, Executive Director, North Dakota Transmission Authority; Mr. James L. Semerad, Director, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality; and Mr. Reice Haase, Director, Department of Water Resources, regarding the state's role relating to the development and operation of large energy consumers, including data centers, and strategies to provide information and planning resources to local governments
- 12:10 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Ladd Erickson, McLean County State's Attorney, regarding data center zoning and permitting policies
- 12:30 p.m. Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Tour of the Energy and Environmental Research Center
- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Charles Gorecki, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Environmental Research Center, regarding an overview and update on the center
- 3:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Tom Erickson, Chief Operations Officer and Vice President for Intellectual Property, and Mr. Scott Ayash, Director of Research Management, Energy and Environmental Research Center, of a report from the State Energy Research Center on the center's activities and accomplishments
- 3:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Tyler Hamman, Assistant Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Energy and Environmental Research Center, regarding the status and results of a salt cavern underground energy storage business case analysis
- 4:00 p.m. Public comments
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:20 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.**

### Committee Members

Representatives: Anna S. Novak (Chairman), Dick Anderson, Mike Brandenburg, Austin Foss, Pat D. Heinert, Dustin McNally, Alisa Mitskog, Todd Porter

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl, Keith Boehm, Ryan Braunberger, Mark Enget, Kathy Hogan, Greg Kessel, Kent Weston, Desiree van Oosting

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