

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Friday, January 16, 2004
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the September 8, 2003, committee meeting

LIGNITE VISION 21 PROGRAM

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. John W. Dwyer, President, Lignite Energy Council, concerning the Lignite Vision 21 program

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dennis Boyd, Senior Governmental Affairs Representative, Public Affairs Department, MDU Resources Group, Inc., and other representatives of MDU Resources Group, Inc., concerning the Lignite Vision 21 program, construction of new peaking plants in Montana, the proposed acquisition of NorthWestern Corporation, and taxation of the electric industry

10:00 a.m. Coffee break

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY TAXATION

10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Harlan Fuglesten, Communications and Government Relations Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, of an update of the taxation information assembled by the Electric Industry Taxation Study Working Group

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bob Graveline, President, Utility Shareholders of North Dakota, and representatives of the state's investor-owned utilities concerning taxation of the electric industry

11:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Joe Richardson, President, Harnessing Dakota Wind, Fargo, concerning regional perspectives on North Dakota wind development

1:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance

1:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

2:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Matthew M. Klein (Chairman), Arden C. Anderson, Wesley R. Belter, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, James Kerzman
Senators Duane Mutch, David P. O'Connell, Larry Robinson, Ben Tollefson, Thomas L. Trenbeath, Herb Urlacher