

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 8, 2003
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure
- 10:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman concerning the responsibilities of the committee

IMPACT OF COMPETITION ON THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY WITHIN THIS STATE AND TAXATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES STUDIES

- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the study of the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to tax electric utility providers with a fair and uniform tax system
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dennis Boyd, Senior Governmental Affairs Representative, Public Affairs Department, MDU Resources Group, Inc., concerning the committee's study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state to date; the direction the study should take during the 2003-04 interim; the future of the electric energy industry in this state; taxation of the electric industry; and the feasibility and desirability of encouraging electric energy providers to exchange or trade service areas to promote efficiency
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Kathy Aas, Minot Community Relations Manager and North Dakota Governmental Affairs Representative, Xcel Energy, Inc., Minot, concerning the committee's study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state to date; the direction the study should take during the 2003-04 interim; the future of the electric energy industry in this state; taxation of the electric industry; and the feasibility and desirability of encouraging electric energy providers to exchange or trade service areas to promote efficiency
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Loren Laugtug, Otter Tail Power Company, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, concerning the committee's study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state to date; the direction the study should take during the 2003-04 interim; the future of the electric energy industry in this state; taxation of the electric industry; and the feasibility and desirability of encouraging electric energy providers to exchange or trade service areas to promote efficiency
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bob Graveline, President, Utility Shareholders of North Dakota, concerning the committee's study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state to date; the direction the study should take during the 2003-04 interim; the future of the electric energy

industry in this state; taxation of the electric industry; and the feasibility and desirability of encouraging electric energy providers to exchange or trade service areas to promote efficiency

- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Harlan Fuglesten, Communications and Government Relations Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, concerning the committee's study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state to date; the direction the study should take during the 2003-04 interim; the future of the electric energy industry in this state; taxation of the electric industry; and the feasibility and desirability of encouraging electric energy providers to exchange or trade service areas to promote efficiency
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Susan E. Wefald, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, and President, the Organization of MISO States (OMS), concerning changes in the midwest wholesale electricity markets, including financial transmission rights, MISO market tariff, transmission pricing, and the role that the Organization of MISO States is playing as these changes are occurring
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance
- 1:55 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives concerning the study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state and taxation of electric utilities

WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Kim C. Christianson, Energy Program Manager, Department of Commerce, concerning wind energy development in North Dakota
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by the following individuals concerning wind energy development in the Edgeley, Kulm, and Ellendale areas:
- Mr. Michael Brandenburg, Steering Committee member, Coteau Hills Wind Energy, LLC, Edgeley
 - Mr. Dennis Anderson, Chairman, Steering Committee, Coteau Hills Wind Energy, LLC, Edgeley
 - Mr. Richard Aberle, County Commissioner, LaMoure County and Steering Committee member, Coteau Hills Wind Energy, LLC, Edgeley
 - Mr. William Gackle, FPL wind farm landowner, Kulm
 - Mr. John D. Didonato, Director, FPL Energy Project, Juno Beach, Florida
 - Mr. Robert Markee, Vice President for Marketing, Energy Unlimited, and North Dakota Electric Transmission Group member, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania
- 4:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance
- 4:25 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives concerning the wind energy study
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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