

**2023 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1063**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1063  
1/13/2023

BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tariff rate filing fee requirement
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**10:35 Chairman Porter** Called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the bill was read;

**Members present:** Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman D. Anderson, Representatives Bosch, Conmy, Dockter, Hagert, Heinert, Ista, Kasper, Marschall, Novak, Olson, and Roers Jones

**Members not present:** Representative Ruby

### Discussion Topics:

- Filing Fee
- Commission regulated companies.

**Randy Christmann- Chairman Public Service Commission-** Testifies in favor of HB 1063 (Testimony # 13105)

**10:41 Chairman Porter** Closes the hearing for HB 1063

**Representative J. Olson** Moves for a Do Pass

**Representative Novak-** Seconds the motion

**Roll call vote was taken**

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Jared Hagert	Y
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Jeremy Olson	Y
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	A

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**13-0-1 Motion Carries**

**Representative Dockter will carry the bill**

**11:04 Chairman Porter-** Closes the meeting for HB 1063

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk by Risa Berube*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1063: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB  
1063 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2023 SENATE INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS**

**HB 1063**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Industry and Business Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1063  
3/8/2023

A bill relating to tariff rate filing free requirement.

9:30 AM Chairman D. Larsen called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman D. Larsen, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senator Barta, Senator Klein, Senator Boehm.

### Discussion Topics:

- Multiple filings
- Red line reduction
- Rider revisions

9:30 AM Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner with the Public Service Commission, testified in favor of HB 1063. # 21829

9:35 AM Senator Klein moved to DO PASS, Seconded by Senator Boehm.

Senators	Vote
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Keith Boehm	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Barta will carry the bill.

9:36 AM Chairman D. Larsen closed the hearing on HB 1063.

*Brenda Cook, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1063: Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Larsen, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1063 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**TESTIMONY**

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## House Bill 1063

**Presented by:** Randy Christmann, Chairman  
Public Service Commission

**Before:** House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Honorable Todd Porter, Chair

**Date:** January 13, 2023

### TESTIMONY

Mr. Chair and members of the committee, I'm Randy Christmann, Chair of the Public Service Commission (Commission), here to testify on HB 1063.

Currently, the Commission requires a fifty-dollar filing fee for new tariff filings with the Commission. This fee is deposited in the general fund. The filing fee has been an issue of confusion for Commission-regulated companies. Often, tariff revisions are accompanied by separate case filings, which result in this fee either being conflated with another fee or left out by the company in its entirety.

This continues to cause confusion for companies that frequently make multiple filings and in cases that are consolidated for efficiency. As a result, this requires frequent follow-ups between the agency and the companies to ensure fees are correctly filed and attributed to the proper case. To streamline the process and prevent this confusion, the Commission respectfully requests a do-pass on HB 1063.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and I am available for questions.

## House Bill 1063

**Presented by:** Sheri Haugen-Hoffart  
Public Service Commission

**Before:** Senate Industry and Business  
Honorable Doug Larsen, Chair

**Date:** March 1, 2023

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