

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Tentative Agenda

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the March 29, 2018, meeting
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Kimberly Suedkamp Wells, Manager, Environmental Services, NextEra Energy Resources, regarding environmental permitting for wind energy facilities
- 9:25 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike Humann, Surface Division Manager, Department of Trust Lands, regarding the status of wind energy development on school trust lands and the wind energy easement agreement process
- 9:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation regarding a response to the Game and Fish Department wind and wildlife collaboration guidelines by:
- Ms. Carlee McLeod, President, Utility Shareholders of North Dakota
  - Mr. Zachary Smith, Communications and Government Relations Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives
  - Mr. Josh Kramer, Executive Vice President and General Manager, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives
- 10:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Randy Christmann, Chairman, Public Service Commission, regarding wind developer bond requirements and the Public Service Commission's role in third-party compensatory mitigation option for unavoidable, direct, or indirect impacts
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Greg Link, Division Chief, Conservation and Communications, Game and Fish Department, regarding the development of proposed offsets for wildlife impacts associated with wind projects
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Brian Kalk, Director of Energy Systems Development, Energy and Environmental Research Center, regarding the progress and status of the pipeline leak detection study
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Carmen Miller, Director of Public Policy, Great Plains Region, Ducks Unlimited, regarding private wetland mitigation efforts, structure, and process
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark S. Gaydos, Director, Environmental and Transportation Services Division, Department of Transportation, regarding the Department of Transportation's Wetland Mitigation Program
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner, regarding the unintended consequences to agriculture producers from wind energy mitigation

- 2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's studies of issues regarding the impact of wind energy development on the environment, high-level radioactive waste disposal, and the cooperation and communication between the Public Service Commission and political subdivisions
- 2:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives: Jay Seibel (Chairman), Dick Anderson, Roger Brabandt, Mike Brandenburg, Tom Kading, Vernon Laning, Alisa Mitskog, Todd Porter, Vicky Steiner, Greg Westlind

Senators: Bill L. Bowman, Diane Larson, Larry Luick, Merrill Piepkorn

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