North Dakota Newspaper Association publication incident descriptions:

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The North Dakota Public Service Commission has and will continue to work with the North Dakota Newspaper Association on incidents such as those described below.

• On May 10, 2017, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued a notice of filing and notice of hearing, scheduling a public hearing on June 28, 2017, in Ashley, ND. At that time, North Dakota Century Code mandated that notices of hearings for siting applications must be published once at least 20 days prior to the hearing date and an additional time within 20 days prior to the hearing date. On May 11, 2017, the NDPSC contacted the North Dakota Newspaper Association (NDNA) requesting publication of the notice twice as mandated by the law. On May 12, 2017, the NDNA advised what the publication dates would be. On June 26, 2017, the NDPSC learned that one of the publications did not occur on the date that was advised by the NDNA, causing the hearing to be rescheduled to September 13, 2017.

Result: Hearing was rescheduled 2.5 months later than originally planned.

On May 4, 2022, the NDPSC issued four separate notices that had multiple different publication requirements. On May 5, 2022, the NDPSC contacted the NDNA requesting publication of the notices. The following day the NDNA advised that many of the necessary publications would not be able to run for at least two weeks. This would have caused hearings to be rescheduled and/or new notices to be issued. After several days of back and forth the NDNA was able to cause the notices to be published on the originally requested schedule. While technically, none of the publications failed, this was an unnecessary drain on our limited resources.

Result: NDNA was able to have the publications completed as requested only after multiple emails back and forth.

On April 13, 2022, the NDPSC issued a notice of intent to adopt and amend administrative rules and promptly submitted to the NDNA requesting publication in every official county newspaper in the state at least 20 days prior to May 26, 2022. On May 23, 2022, the NDNA advised that the Minot Daily news did not publish the notice as requested until May 13, 2022, which is only 13 days. Since the notice permitted comments until June 6, 2022, which is more than 20 days after the publication in the Minot Daily news, the Commission went ahead with the hearing as scheduled.
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Result: No changes required, however we were forced to rely upon our backup position in the notice that permits comments to be received after the hearing date.

On August 30, 2022, the NDNA advised the NDPSC of new publication deadlines, which
are as long as two weeks in some instances.

Result: At that time the public utilities division began adding extra time to all notices issued to ensure that one publication failure would not be fatal to our notice requirements.

• On August 17, 2022, the NDPSC issued a notice of opportunity for hearing that expired on September 28, 2022. The following day, the NDPSC submitted a request for publication and received a response from NDNA that publication would occur the week of August 29, 2022. On September 2, 2022, the NDNA advised that publication did not occur in the Jamestown Sun on August 31, 2022, and would instead publish on September 7, 2022. While this provides for 21 days notice, which is within the requirement of at least 20 days, it was a near miss.

Result: Similar to other instances an unnecessary use of limited agency resources.

On September 21, 2022, the NDPSC issued a notice of opportunity for hearing that expired on November 4, 2022. Two days later, the NDPSC requested publication and received a response from NDNA that publications would occur the week of October 3, 2022. On October 14, 2022, the NDNA advised the NDPSC that publication did not occur in the Cass County Reporter as planned on October 5, 2022, and would instead happen on October 19, 2022. Since that would not allow for at least 20 days notice, the NDPSC had no choice but to issue a new notice.

Result: Extending the notice period by over a month to December 12, 2022.

 On March 29, 2023, the NDPSC issued a notice of opportunity for hearing that expired on May 12, 2023. The following day, the NDPSC requested publication and received a response from NDNA that publication would occur on April 5, 2023. On April 18, 2023, the NDNA advised that publication did not occur in the Cavalier Chronicle as planned, which caused a new notice to be issued.

Result: Extending the notice period to June 10, 2023.

 On September 6, 2023, the NDPSC issued a notice of intent to adopt and amend administrative rules and promptly submitted to the NDNA requesting publication in every official county newspaper in the state at least 20 days prior to October 10, 2023.
 The publications in the Hazen Star and the Williston Herald failed to run at least 20 days prior to the hearing date. As a result, the Commission issued a new notice set to expire ten days after publication.

Result: Extending the notice period by over a month.

- On May 23, 2024, the NDPSC issued a notice of hearing for a hearing to take place on
 July 11, 2024. The notice was required to be published twice. On July 10, 2024, the
 NDNA advised the NDPSC that the Ashley Tribune failed to publish the second notice.
 Later that same day, the NDNA advised that the print edition of the Ashley Tribune did
 publish the notice, however it was not uploaded to the NDNA publication website.
 Result: Similar to other instances an unnecessary use of limited agency resources, and
 confirmation that print publication does not guarantee simultaneous website posting.
- On January 30, 2025, the NDPSC issued a notice of filing and notice of public hearings for a large electric transmission line proposed by Basin Electric, scheduling two hearings to take place in Underwood on February 26, 2025, and in Stanley on March 6, 2025. On January 31, 2025, the NDPSC contacted the NDNA requesting publication in each of the five impacted county official newspapers twice prior to the hearings. After holding the first hearing in Underwood, the NDPSC was notified by the NDNA that the second publication in the Hazen Star failed to run prior to the Underwood hearing and would also not run prior to the Stanley hearing. As a result, the Stanley hearing was rescheduled to April 4, 2025, and a new hearing was scheduled in Underwood on March 31, 2025.

Result: Delaying the proceeding and introducing additional costs for both the applicant and the Commission.

While these are the issues that caused the most significant impacts to the NDPSC, we do also experience other inaccuracies in both publication and billing that do not directly impact our notices but still cause additional administrative burden on our process. Since we are entirely reliant upon a third party to ensure we are operating within the law, any inaccuracy or issue results in additional administrative review and unnecessary consumption of our limited resources.

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