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Kalk to Testify Before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

BISMARCK, ND – Commissioner Brian P. Kalk has been invited to testify in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Thursday, May 14, in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on a variety of energy infrastructure bills. Commissioner Kalk was invited to testify from a state regulatory perspective. Kalk's testimony will focus on how potential changes may affect the future of North Dakota's energy generation and transmission facilities, including the importance of reliability, safety and impact to rate payers.

"In North Dakota, the Public Service Commission has sited more than \$4 billion in energy projects in the past three years," said Commissioner Brian Kalk. "North Dakota is an energy leader and our experiences with energy development are important to share at the federal level as the Committee debates the future of energy policy for the country."

Note to the media: A list of topics that will be discussed during the committee hearing can be found on the following webpage:

http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2015/5/hearing-to-receive-testimony-on-energy-infrastructure

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