

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer**

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**ND PSC to Review Ice Storm's Impact  
on Regional Electric Transmission System**

The North Dakota Public Service Commission invites any interested persons to a meeting to review how November's ice storm impacted the region's electric transmission system. The meeting will take place on Monday, January 16, at 11 A.M. at Otter Tail Corporation's Fargo offices at 4334 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. Public Service Commissioners Tony Clark, Susan Wefald, and Kevin Cramer will all be in attendance.

Otter Tail Power Company's System Operations Manager Daryl Hanson will provide an overview of the transmission conditions during and after the storm. Hanson will review the joint responses undertaken by regional transmission owners and coordinated by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO). Hanson also will discuss the transmission conditions that led to the actions all involved electric utilities took to prevent the need to shed firm load.

The Commissioners will hear about processes used by MISO and the involved utilities to evaluate their effectiveness and to determine whether improvements can be made. The public also will be invited to ask questions of utility representatives and the Commissioners.

For more information call 701-328-2400.

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