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**Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer**

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**PSC to hold renewable energy forum**

On Thursday, Oct. 12 the North Dakota Public Service Commission is hosting a forum to discuss renewable energy initiatives that voters will decide on in Fargo and Grand Forks in the November election.

The forum will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Cass County Annex Building at 1010-2nd Ave. South, Fargo.

If the measures are approved, they would require that at least 20 percent of the electricity delivered into each city be generated from qualifying renewable energy sources by 2020 and increased to 30 percent by 2030.

The PSC is hosting the forum because the agency regulates investor-owned utilities.

PSC commissioners Susan Wefald, Kevin Cramer and Tony Clark will be attending the event and making statements. After the commissioners speak, a panel of representatives from electric utility companies, the City of Fargo and others will present their thoughts on the initiatives.

“The forum will give people a chance to hear a variety of viewpoints about the initiatives from those who have a stake in the outcome,” Commissioner Wefald said.

The panel of speakers includes:

- Joe Richardson, sponsor of the Fargo initiative.
- Dennis Walaker, Mayor of Fargo.
- Scott Handy, President/CEO, Cass County Electric Cooperative.
- Mark Nisbet, Principal Manager, North Dakota, Xcel Energy.
- Tom Erickson, Assistant Director for research, Energy and Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks.
- David Martin, President, Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce.

Each panelist is scheduled to speak for five minutes.

“The forum will provide the public a chance to learn more about the initiatives and how they could affect the electricity industry,” Commissioner Cramer said.

There will also be time for questions from the audience at the end of the forum.

“Not only will voters become more informed by attending this event, but they will also learn more about how electricity is generated and delivered to their homes and businesses,” Commissioner Clark said.

For more information about the initiatives, including the official ballot language, go to [www.cityoffargo.com](http://www.cityoffargo.com) and [www.grandforksgov.com](http://www.grandforksgov.com).

For more information about the forum, call the PSC at 328-2400.

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