

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-06-525

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

January 10, 2007

On December 15, 2006 Northern States Power (NSP) filed a Notice for Change in Rates for Natural Gas Service under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05 and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-01-26. The company proposes a \$2.801 million or 3.0 percent overall increase in its annual North Dakota natural gas revenues. The proposed rates would affect the Company's service to all of its approximately 43,600 retail natural gas customers in the State of North Dakota.

A **public hearing** on this matter will be held beginning **May 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. CST** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

Issues to be considered in this matter include:

1. What is the value of NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is NSP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are NSP's rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?
6. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

A Public Input Session will be held via interactive television on **February 8, 2007, at 7 p.m. CST** at locations set forth below. Members of the public are invited to

appear and participate in the informal discussion. The session is not considered part of the technical hearing and the discussion at the session will not become part of the evidence reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern to the members of the public and help customers better understand NSP's request.


Public Input Session Locations

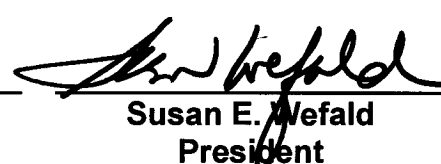
<p>Bismarck State Capitol 600 E. Boulevard Ave Conference Room D, 3rd Floor Judicial Wing Bismarck, ND</p>	<p>Fargo North Dakota State University Industrial Agricultural Communication Center Room 422 1320 Albrecht Boulevard Fargo, ND</p>
<p>Grand Forks University of North Dakota Abbott Room 119 151 Cornell St. Grand Forks, ND</p>	

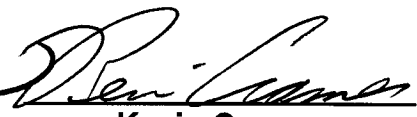
The public will also be able to hear the input session by connecting to the Commission's web site www.psc.state.nd.us and clicking on "Highlighted Issues" and then clicking on the "Broadcast of Public Input Sessions" link. The Commission will receive e-mail questions during the session at ndpsc@state.nd.us.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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