

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-06-525

NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

April 26, 2007


On December 15, 2006, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application to increase its rates for natural gas service.

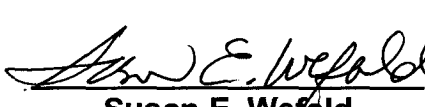
On April 24, 2007, NSP filed a Settlement Agreement between NSP and Commission Advocacy Staff providing among other things for: (a) a rate increase of approximately \$2,293,938, or 2.5%, effective for service rendered on or after July 1, 2007; (b) a residential rate freeze until January 1, 2010; and (c) an earnings sharing mechanism if net income exceeds a 10.75% return on equity.

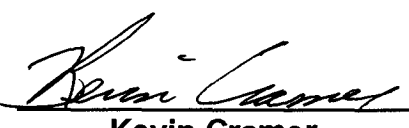
An **informal hearing** will be held on **May 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. At the informal hearing the applicant and Commission Advocacy Staff will be given an opportunity to present an overview of and justification for the settlement proposal and interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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 prior.

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