

**Report Information**

Award Type	Award Number	Prime DUNS	Calendar Yr/Qtr	Final Report
Grant	OE0000151	802744946	2012 / 2	No

**Award Recipient Information**

<b>Recipient DUNS Number</b> 802744946	<b>Recipient Address 1</b> 600 E BOULEVARD AVE FLR12 DEPT 408
<b>Recipient Account Number</b>	<b>Recipient Address 2</b>
<b>Recipient Congressional</b> 00 <b>District</b>	<b>Recipient City</b> BISMARCK
<b>Parent DUNS Number</b> 073131823	<b>Recipient State</b> ND
<b>Recipient Type</b> 2F.VW	<b>Recipient ZIP Code + 4</b> 585050660
<b>Recipient Legal Name</b> PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, NORTH DAKOTA	<b>Recipient Country</b> USA
<b>Recipient DBA Name</b>	

**Project / Award Information**

<b>Funding Agency Code</b> 8900	<b>Total Number of Sub Awards less 0</b> <b>than \$25,000/award</b>
<b>Awarding Agency Code</b> 8900	<b>Total Amount Sub Awards less than 0.00</b> <b>\$25,000/award</b>
<b>Program Source (TAS) Code</b> 89-0328	<b>Total Number of Sub Awards to 0</b> <b>Individuals</b>
<b>Sub Account Number for</b> <b>Program Source</b>	<b>Total Amount of Sub Awards to 0.00</b> <b>Individuals</b>
<b>CFDA Number</b> 81.122	<b>Total Number of Payments to 22</b> <b>Vendors less than \$25,000/award</b>
<b>Amount of Award</b> 424210.00	<b>Total Amount of Payments to 53055.34</b> <b>Vendors less than \$25,000/award</b>
<b>Award Date</b> 10/27/2009	
<b>Award Description</b> This program will improve the capacity of the Commission to efficiently regulate and oversee the modernization and development of the electric transmission and generation infrastructure. It will provide resources and training to handle the increase in transmission and generation siting cases as well as increase participation in the regional planning and development of needed transmission facilities. The program will provide expertise and resources to develop better rules, laws, and other regulatory actions. These regulatory functions are critical to the efficient development and use of electricity and the overall goal of energy independence. The grant will provide for one full-time job and training for 11 Commission staff members in these key areas of	

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expertise.

**Project Information**

Project Name or Project/ Program Title	Activity Codes (NAICS or NTEE-NPC) (up to 10)
<p><b>Project Name or Project/ Program Title</b> PSC ARRA Electricl Research Program</p> <p><b>Quarterly Activities/ Project Description</b> The siting rules revisions prepared by the ARRA funded Public Utility Analyst was sponsored by staff at the Commission?s rules hearing on July 12, 2012, with no objections from other witnesses or by commissioners. The revisions were a collaborative effort with all major stakeholders in the state. The revisions to existing rules were long overdue and made possible through this fund. The ARRA analyst assisted with the review and writing of the proposed order in case number PU-12-24, Otter Tail Power Company?s 2012 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor. The ARRA analyst developed a worksheet with critical information concerning all producing wind farms in the state including, names, owners, locations, sizes, in-service dates, current contact information for plant operators, power point charts for presentations etc. The ARRA analyst proposed</p>	<p><b>Activity Code 1</b> **Z</p> <p><b>Activity Code 2</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 3</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 4</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 5</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 6</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 7</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 8</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 9</b></p> <p><b>Activity Code 10</b></p>

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rule revisions to eliminate the master meter rules prohibiting master meters for electric applications. The ARRA analyst proposed a rule to require that utilities regulated by the commission respond to interrogatories within 10 business days rather than the 30 days allowed by the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

The ARRA utility analyst submitted her resignation effective June 1, 2012. The commission has decided to not fill this position along with the two remaining positions authorized under the grant. Given the temporary nature of this grant and the unlikelihood that state funding could be procured for extending the positions, there is little reason to fill the positions.

The Commission requested and has been authorized to extend the grant period for one additional year ending December 31, 2012 and reducing the grant amount initially requested.

The commission does not anticipate spending much of the remaining grant amount. Any further expenditures from now until the end of the year will be geared towards continuing education of its staff concerned electric matters.

**Project Status** Completed 50% or more  
**Total Federal Amount ARRA Funds Received/ Invoiced** 265810.60

**Number of Jobs** 0.67

**Description of Jobs Created** The Public Utility Analyst is assigned the following work functions:

Work with state, city and county government in developing

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model ordinances, policies, rules and statues dealing with transmission and siting.

Analyze electric generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure development issues.

Evaluate economic, financial, scientific, and/or engineering studies on energy-related facilities for reasonable methods and assumptions relating to electric resource development; write rules, policies, reports, position papers and correspondence on findings and analyses.

Formulate and implement electricity related utility policy and procedures.

Assist in the development of the states energy conversion, transmission and utilities infrastructure.

Research, collect data, and analyze findings related to the development of the states energy conversion, transmission and utilities infrastructure.

Provide training, assistance, counseling and expertise to counties and local government entities with regard to statutes, case law, rules and procedures pertaining to transmission corridors and renewable energy conversion facilities.

**Total Federal Amount of ARRA Expenditure** 281281.51

**Total Federal ARRA Infrastructure Expenditure** 0.00

**Infrastructure Purpose and Rationale**