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# Pray to end lockout



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American Crystal Sugar workers sing at a prayer vigil on Wednesday in the corporate offices in Moorhead, Minn.

band has been a employee for more years. us leaders from churches spoke support for work- ed them in prayer. d here today in y with you," Rev. wito of Trinity Church said. lson, a longtime of Crystal, said ut has been hard lies and it will

continue to be difficult with the holiday season approaching. As he spoke, employees, friends and family members welcomed each other to the vigil with hugs, handshakes and thank-yous to those who could make it. Union representatives encouraged workers to attend Saturday's stakeholder meeting where Gov. Mark Dayton is scheduled to speak. The

stakeholder meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Minnesota State University Moorhead's Comstock Memorial Union at 2 p.m. Mark Froemke, American Crystal Sugar worker, said, "We're going to push this thing until we're back to work."

*Wendy Reuer is a reporter at The Forum of Fargo Moorhead, which is owned by Forum Communications Co.*

# Board has leadership shakeup

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**Robert Green**

Chairman of the board, American Crystal Sugar Co.

Association and years on the Red Valley Sugarbeet Association

East Grand Forks district. Both will remain on the board.

A leadership shakeup is unusual, but not unprecedented, Green said, after the reorganization meeting. He acknowledged advanced planning preceded the change. "It was not impetuous."

But he said "absolutely not" when asked if it had to do with the labor dispute, which just entered its fifth month. "We are actually in lock-step with management on this," Green said. "There is unanimity

on the board," he said. "There has been from the beginning, and it continues today. We are in agreement that we need a contract that reflects a competitive, complicated workplace."

Green chalked up the leadership change as "typical board dynamics at work." He said he's pleased that Widner remains on the board. He described his colleague as a "huge contributor" and said the board will "expect a lot out of him in his final year."

Green said Crystal will work toward a renewed, effective sugar program, as well as biotech seeds for sugar beets and the "successful conclusion of a new labor contract with our unionized workers."

*Mikkel Pates is a reporter for Agweek, which is owned by Forum Communications Co.*

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Probate No. 47-2011-PR-104  
In the Matter of the Estate of Alvin Kercher, Deceased  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated this 29th day of November, 2011.  
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Offer Tail Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates

Case No. PU-11-153

Offer Tail Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Tariff

Case No. PU-11-682

NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF HEARING, AND NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE  
November 23, 2011

On May 12, 2011 and November 3, 2011, Offer Tail Power Company (Offer Tail) filed for approval to implement a transmission cost recovery rider pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.3. Offer Tail proposes to recover Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) Schedule 26 transmission related costs net of revenues allocated to North Dakota retail customers and the North Dakota retail share of revenue requirements for transmission facilities not currently included in base rates. The application includes an initial rate adjustment amount to be included as part of the Energy and Renewable Adjustment line on customers' bills: Customer Class Amount per kWh Large General Service \$0.00199 Controlled Service \$0.00038 Lighting Service \$0.00154 All Other Service \$0.00272

The issues to be considered in these proceedings are whether the proposed transmission cost recovery rider and rate adjustments comply with section 49-05-04.3 and should be approved.

Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file a Petition to Intervene by January 14, 2012.

A Formal Hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on January 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol.

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, Darrell Nilschke, Executive Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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December 2, 2011

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