

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence – NG Generators
Application**

Case No. PU-13-194

**Northern States Power Company
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 – Hankinson, ND
Public Convenience And Necessity**

Case No. PU-13-195

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

October 9, 2013

On April 26, 2013, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for an advanced determination of prudence to add three 215 megawatt natural gas fired, simple cycle, combustion turbine generators (CT) to its system, Case No. PU-13-194. The first CT would be constructed at the Black Dog generation plant in Burnsville, Minnesota for service beginning in 2017. The second and third CTs would be constructed at a new plant site to be located in the Red River Valley near Hankinson, North Dakota (Red River Valley Units 1 and 2) for service beginning in 2018 and 2019.

Also on April 26, 2013, NSP requested a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2, Case No. PU-13-195.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission has consolidated the two cases under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04.

A Public Hearing on these applications is scheduled to begin **November 26, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. CST**, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the **State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

The issue to be considered in NSP's application for advance determination of prudence:

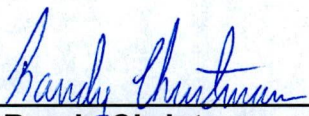
1. Whether NSP's proposed investment in the three CTs prudent?

The issues to be considered in NSP's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Red River Valley Units 1 and 2:


1. Whether the public convenience and necessity be served by the NSP's construction and operation of three CTs.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

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