

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company Advanced Determination of Prudence – Courtenay Wind Project Application	Case No. PU-13-706
Northern States Power Company Advanced Determination of Prudence – Odell Wind Project Application	Case No. PU-13-707
Northern States Power Company Advanced Determination of Prudence – Pleasant Valley Wind Project Application	Case No. PU-13-708
Northern States Power Company Advanced Determination of Prudence – Border Winds Project Application	Case No. PU-13-742
Northern States Power Company 150 MW Border Winds Project – Rolette County Public Convenience And Necessity	Case No. PU-13-743

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

September 25, 2013

On July 26, 2013, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed applications for an advanced determination of prudence for:

- A proposed Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) for the 200 MW Courtenay Wind Project to be located in Stutsman County, North Dakota (Case No. PU-13-706);
- A proposed PPA for the 200 MW Odell Wind Project to be located near Mountain Lake, Minnesota (Case No. PU-13-707); and
- A proposed purchase of the 200 MW Pleasant Valley Wind Project to be located near NSP's existing Grand Meadow Wind Farm in southeastern Minnesota (Case No. 13-708).

On August 13, 2013, NSP filed an application for an advanced determination of prudence (Case No. PU-13-742) and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Case No. PU-13-743) to purchase the proposed Border Winds Project to be located in Rolette County, North Dakota.

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 **October 31, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. CDT**, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the **State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

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The issues to be considered in NSP's Applications for Advance Determination of Prudence are:

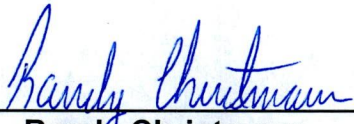
1. Are the PPAs reasonable and prudent and in the best interests of customers?
2. Is NSP's proposed investment in the Pleasant Valley Wind Project and the Border Winds Project prudent?

The issues to be considered in NSP's Applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by the purchase and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

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 Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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