

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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On September 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff filed a Settlement Agreement to address electric generation resource policy differences that exist between NSP's North Dakota and Minnesota jurisdictions.

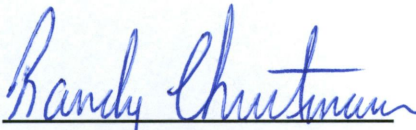
The Agreement provides an opportunity to address North Dakota's energy policy goals and other matters, such as:

- Accelerating NSP's commitment to locate thermal electric generation in North Dakota from 2036 to 2025.
- Excluding 17 existing Community Based Energy Development and small solar purchased power agreements from cost recovery in North Dakota.
- Extending the current electric rate moratorium through 2017.
- Including cost recovery for NSP's existing biomass purchase power agreements.
- Refunding an estimated \$20 million to customers if NSP fails to achieve its generation commitment by the end of 2025.
- Continuing to use the 12 coincident peaks method for assigning generation and transmission costs among the states served by NSP through 2025.

A **Public Hearing** on the settlement is scheduled to begin **December 15, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time**, 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 is whether the settlement is reasonable and should be adopted by the Commission.

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 the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

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