

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence – Aurora Solar
Application

Case No. PU-15-95

NOTICE OF HEARING

May 27, 2015

On February 13, 2015 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for a resource addition of 100 MW of solar generation. The resources would be added to the NSP system through a 20-year power purchase agreement with Aurora Solar, LLC, an affiliate of Geronimo Energy, LLC. The generation facilities are to be located at up to 24 different sites in the state of Minnesota that interconnect to various distribution substations. NSP claims that these resource additions will provide needed capacity and supports its long-term energy commitments. The proposal will increase the overall cost of energy.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's solar power purchase agreement should receive an advance determination of prudence from the Commission. If granted, NSP would be able to enter into the contract with the expectation of cost recovery for a portion of the solar costs assigned to North Dakota.

The Commission will hold a **public hearing** for consideration of the Application on **July 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

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