

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – 345 MW Mankato Energy Center
Application**

Case No. PU-15-96

NOTICE OF HEARING

July 8, 2015

On February 13, 2015 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for 345 MW of capacity and associated energy through a 20-year power purchase agreement with Mankato Energy Center, LLC, an affiliate of Calpine Corporation. NSP claims that the proposed resource addition will help meet a potential need in the 2017-2019 time period that was identified in its 2010 Resource Plan and that it will lower the overall cost of service to its North Dakota ratepayers.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's 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 costs assigned to North Dakota.

The Commission will hold a **public hearing** for consideration of the Application on **October 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

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