

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-15-175

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm
Application**

Case No. PU-15-181

**Northern States Power Company
Discontinue Prudence – Courtenay Wind Farm PP
Application**

Case No. PU-15-183

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The envelope was addressed as follows:

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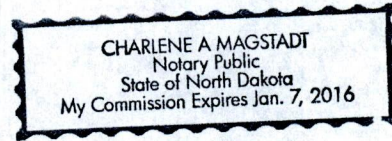
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **15th day of May, 2015.**

SEAL

Amy Haugen
Charlene A Magstadt
Notary Public



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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

May 13, 2015

On April 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm Project (Courtenay Project) in Stutsman County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-15-175,

On May 6, 2015, NSP filed an application for an Advanced Determination of Prudence for the proposed Courtenay Project resource addition, Case No. PU-15-181.

On May 11, 2015, NSP filed an application to discontinue the Advanced Determination of Prudence previously granted by the Commission in Case No. PU-13-706 for a Power Purchase from Courtenay Wind Project, LLC, Case No. PU-15-183,

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 is consolidating these cases under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

A consolidated **Public Hearing** on these cases is scheduled to begin **July 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505.

The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-15-175 are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction and operation of the public utility plant or system.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

The issue to be determined in Case No. PU-15-181 is whether NSP's proposed resource addition is prudent.

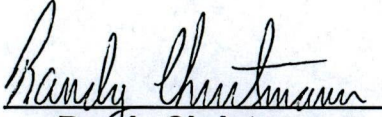
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The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-15-183 are:

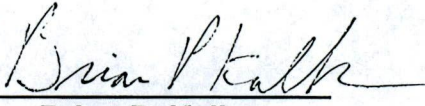
1. Whether the Courtenay Wind Power Purchase Agreement resource addition determined to be prudent by the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order Adopting Settlement in Case No. PU-13-706 is no longer prudent.
2. Whether the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order Adopting Settlement in Case No. PU-13-706 should be modified.

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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