

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence – Biomass PPAs
Application**

Case No. PU-17-270

**Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting – Biomass PPAs
Application**

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**Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting – Laurentian PPA Termination
Application**

Case No. PU-17-322

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

November 29, 2017

A consolidated **public hearing** on the captioned cases will be held beginning **February 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

On June 30, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-270, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for Advance Determination of Prudence regarding its proposal to (1) terminate its biomass power purchase agreement with Benson Power, LLC, acquire the Benson facility and subsequently close the facility; (2) terminate its power purchase agreement with Pine Bend biomass facility early through a series of negotiated terms and (3) extend the terms of its Hennepin Energy Recovery Center power purchase agreement on more favorable terms.

Also on June 30, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-271, NSP filed an Application for Deferred Accounting to defer the costs associated with the purchase and closure of the Benson plant and the costs associated with the closeout of the Pine Bend Power Purchase Agreement.

On August 10, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-322, NSP filed an application for deferred accounting treatment for the costs of terminating its Laurentian Power Purchase Agreement.

The issues to be considered in these matters are:

1. Is NSP's proposal to terminate its biomass power purchase agreement with Benson Power, LLC, acquire the Benson facility and subsequently close the facility prudent?

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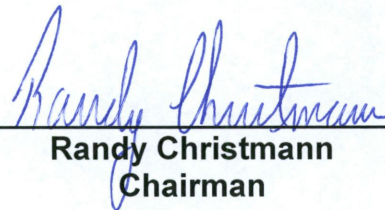
2. Is NSP's proposal to terminate its power purchase agreement with Pine Bend biomass facility prudent?
3. Is NSP's proposal to extend the terms of its Hennepin Energy Recovery Center power purchase agreement prudent?
4. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting treatments for the costs of the proposed Benson transactions?
5. Should the Commission grant deferred accounting treatments for the costs of terminating the Laurentian and Pine Bend Power Purchase Agreements?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), 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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