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RE: Case No. PU-20-441
Northern States Power Company
2021 Electric Rate Increase
Application

On February 24, 2021, the North Dakota Public Service Commission held a work session to discuss issues that they would prefer to have information provided prior to or during the upcoming technical hearing. The following are the issues they would like to have addressed:

- An evaluation into COVID-19 impacts on usage;
- The treatment of arrearages during COVID-19 pandemic by other jurisdictions;
- An update and evaluation into technological expenditures;
- Data related to demographic usage by North Dakota customers by AARP;
- An evaluation of SHERCO replacements and the depreciation of units;
- Run-times of dispatchable on-demand resources for the period of February 5-18, 2021 and detailed information related to remaining useful life and cost-effective replacement of those resources;
- An evaluation into historical projected system costs from the addition of wind resources to the actual system costs;
- Whether the current rate request is consistent with a ND Preferred Integrated Resource Plan;
- An explanation of gas supply contracts by the company; and
- RTO transmission costs and impacts on ND customers.

The Commission would request that Advocacy Staff facilitate the filings and discussion of these issues in addition to the traditional issues discussed during the rate proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Schuh", written over a white background.

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