

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Wano Township; Willowbank Township;  
Russell Township; Corwin Township;  
Valley Township; Mike and Patty Bartel;  
Richard and Susan R. Long; Steven and  
Julia Nelson; Phyllis P. Otterness and  
Patricia A. Vick; Brandon and Tausha  
Schweigert; Shockman Farm Partnership,  
LLLP; Debra Sue Wald; Lucas and Jill Wald;  
Tim Leppert; Orr Farms; Steve M. and  
Sandra J. Rupp; David A. and Denette M.  
Schweigert; Allen D. and Inna N. Swiontek;  
David and Holly Wald; Weston Wald; and  
Willowbank Hutterian Brethren Association,

Appellants,

vs.

North Dakota Public Service Commission;  
Otter Tail Power Company; and Montana-  
Dakota Utilities Co.,

Appellees.

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PSC Case No. PU-24-91  
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CIVIL NO. 08-2025-CV-02068

NOTICE TO APPELLANTS OF  
ESTIMATED COSTS

TO: APPELLANTS, WANO TOWNSHIP; WILLOWBANK TOWNSHIP; RUSSELL TOWNSHIP, CORWIN TOWNSHIP, VALLEY TOWNSHIP, MIKE AND PATTY BARTEL; RICHARD AND SUSAN R. LONG; STEVEN AND JULIA NELSON; PHYLLIS P. OTTERNESS AND PATRICIA A. VICK; BRANDON AND TAUSHA SCHWEIGERT; SCHOCKMAN FARM PARTNERSHIP, LLLP; DEBRA SUE WALD; LUCAS AND JILL WALD; TIM LEPPERT; ORR FARMS; STEVE M. AND SANDRA J. RUPP; DAVID A. AND DENETTE M. SCHWEIGERT; ALLEN D. AND INNA N. SWIONTEK; DAVID AND HOLLY WALD; WESTON WALD; AND WILLOWBANK HUTTERIAN BRETHREN ASSOCIATION and its attorneys Douglas J. Nill, DOUGLAS J. NILL, PLLC d/b/a FARMLAW, 1850 Fifth Street Towers, 150 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402 and Steven J. Leibel, KNOLL LEIBEL LLP, P.O. Box 858, 1915 N. Kavaney Drive, Ste. 3, Bismarck, ND 58501.

[¶ 1] Under North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-44(2), when a Public Service Commission decision is appealed, the Public Service Commission shall notify the appellants of the estimated costs of preparing and filing the record. The appellants must then pay the Public Service Commission the amount estimated. If the actual costs are more than the estimated costs, the appellants must pay the difference. If the actual costs are less than the estimated costs, the Public Service Commission will refund the difference.

[¶ 2] **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that because the existing record will be provided in an electronic format, there will be no costs for preparing and filing the existing record. However, since there is only an electronic copy of the informal hearing and work sessions available in the Public Service Commission's docket, a written transcript of the hearings, the electronic record must be transcribed by a private transcription service.

[¶ 3] The estimate the Public Service Commission has obtained from a private transcription service to transcribe the proceedings, for certified original transcripts, concordances and electronic versions, is one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). The transcription service is estimated to be completed in one month.

[¶ 4] Dated this 13th day of August 2025.



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