

IN DISTRICT COURT

SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**Wano Township, Willowbank Township,
Russell Township, Corwin Township, and
Valley Township,**

Appellants,

vs.

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

Appellees.

PSC Case No. PU-25-236

CIVIL NO. 08-2026-CV-02066

NOTICE TO APPELLANTS OF ESTIMATED COSTS

TO: APPELLANTS, WANO TOWNSHIP; WILLOWBANK TOWNSHIP; RUSSELL TOWNSHIP, CORWIN TOWNSHIP, VALLEY TOWNSHIP, 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.

[1] 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 formal hearings and prehearing

conferences 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The transcription service is estimated to be completed in one month. Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-44(2), the Commission will prepare the record once payment of the estimated costs are received by the Appellant.

[¶ 4] Dated this 5th day of August 2026.



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