



ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, December 18, 2023
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting](#)

NATURAL GAS ACCESSIBILITY IN SMALL COMMUNITIES STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding natural gas accessibility in small communities

9:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Justin Kringstad, Executive Director, North Dakota Pipeline Authority, regarding natural gas accessibility and transmission needs in the state

9:55 a.m. Comments from Mr. Jay Standish, Mayor, New Town, and Ms. Kelly Woessner, Auditor, City of Parshall, regarding natural gas accessibility and transmission in small communities

10:25 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Larry Oswald, Director, Business Development & Energy Services, Montana-Dakota Utilities, regarding an overview of natural gas service in the state and costs and other barriers to delivering natural gas to communities

10:55 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Kristine Anderson, Regulatory Affairs & Corporate Counsel, Dakota Natural Gas, LLC., regarding natural gas accessibility in the state

11:20 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Rachel Iverson Schafer, RD, CSSD, Director of Program Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, relating to the low-income home energy assistance program

11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:55 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 p.m. Recess

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICIES STUDY

The North Dakota Public Service Commission will join the committee for the afternoon

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Claire Vigessa, Executive Director, North Dakota Transmission Authority, regarding transmission infrastructure

1:15 p.m. Introduction of Mr. Jeff Merrifield, Former Commissioner, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, by a representative of the Public Service Commission

1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Merrifield regarding advanced nuclear energy

2:30 p.m. Committee discussion

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: David Hogue (Chairman), Brad Bekkedahl, Keith Boehm, Ryan Braunberger, Dale Patten,
Merrill Piepkorn

Representatives: Dick Anderson, Mike Brandenburg, Alisa Mitskog, Corey Mock, Todd Porter, Don
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