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## ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
Roughrider 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 representatives of impacted communities in North Dakota, including comments from Mr. Jay Standish, Mayor, New Town, and a representative from Parshall
- 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. Rachel Iverson Schafer, RD, CSSD, Director of Program Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, relating to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:45 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 Vigesaa

Staff Contact: Samantha E. Kramer, Senior Counsel and Assistant Code Revisor

CANCELLED