

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ELECTRIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 17, 1998
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the December 16, 1998, meeting
- ELECTRIC UTILITY TAXATION AND RATES**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. James H. Kane, Senior Manager, Arthur Andersen LLP, Chicago, Illinois, concerning the tax implications to the state and its political subdivisions of electric utility restructuring
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:15 a.m. Continued comments by Mr. Kane
- 10:45 a.m. Comments by Mr. Jess Cooper, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Greater North Dakota Association, concerning the study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state
- 10:55 a.m. Comments by Mr. Arthur W. Wheeler, President, North Dakota Retail Association, concerning the study of the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Charles E. Johnson, Commission Counsel, Public Service Commission, concerning investor-owned utility electricity rates
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Harlan Fuglesten, Communications and Government Relations Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, concerning rural electric cooperative electricity rates
- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Northern States Power Company, and Otter Tail Power Company concerning a comparison between the taxes received by a city served by an investor-owned utility and the taxes received by a city served by a rural electric distribution cooperative; proposed utility tax legislation based upon presentations made at the December 16, 1997, committee meeting; a kilowatt per hour consumption tax; electric industry restructuring information prepared by the National Conference of State Legislatures; stranded costs in the reregulation of the state's electric utility industry; and information concerning the source of power, the number and capacity of generating plants, and how much power, if any, is obtained from the Western Area Power Administration by the state's investor-owned utilities
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:15 p.m. Continuation of presentation by representatives of the state's investor-owned utilities

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Fuglesten concerning a comparison between the taxes received by a city served by an investor-owned utility and the taxes received by a city served by a rural electric distribution cooperative; proposed utility tax legislation based upon presentations made at the December 16, 1997, committee meeting; a kilowatt per hour consumption tax; electric industry restructuring information prepared by the National Conference of State Legislatures; stranded costs in the reregulation of the state's electric utility industry; and information concerning the source of power, the number and capacity of generating plants, and how much power, if any, is obtained from the Western Area Power Administration by the state's rural electric cooperatives
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. LeRoy Neubauer, Director, Valley City Public Works, Valley City, concerning the taxes paid per kilowatt hour by the city's municipal electric utility and utility taxation issues

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ACT

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Fuglesten concerning the state's Territorial Integrity Act
- 3:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the state's investor-owned utilities, concerning disputes involving the state's Territorial Integrity Act
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Al Carlson (Chairman), Robert Huether, Matthew M. Klein
Senators Randel Christmann, Pete Naaden, Larry J. Robinson