

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 49-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a renewable electricity credit trading and tracking system by the
3 public service commission.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 49-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Renewable electricity credit trading and tracking system - Qualifying for**
8 **renewable electricity credits.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission, by
9 rule or order, may establish a program for tradeable credits for electricity generated from
10 renewable sources. The commission may facilitate the trading of renewable electricity credits
11 between states. For purposes of qualifying for renewable electricity credits, electricity must be
12 generated from eligible sources identified in section 2 of this Act. This section applies to all
13 public utilities, including electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities.

14 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 49-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 created and enacted as follows:

16 **Renewable electricity defined.** As used in section 1 of this Act, renewable electricity
17 includes electricity generated from facilities using the following sources:

- 18 1. Solar, using the sun as the source of energy for producing electricity;
- 19 2. Wind, using the wind as the source of energy for producing electricity;
- 20 3. Biomass, using agricultural crops and agricultural waste and residue, wood and
21 wood waste and residue, animal waste, and landfill gas as the fuel to produce
22 electricity;
- 23 4. Hydroelectric, using water as the source of energy to produce electricity;

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- 1 5. Geothermal, using energy contained in heat that continuously flows outward from
- 2 the earth as the source of energy to produce electricity; and
- 3 6. Hydrogen, provided that the hydrogen is generated from a source listed in this
- 4 section.