

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

ECONOMIC IMPACT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the April 26, 2016, meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Luke Geiver, Managing Editor, UAS Magazine, regarding recent developments in unmanned aerial systems applications, technology, and regulation and how North Dakota is situated for the future of the industry
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Brigadier General Robert Becklund, Executive Director, Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site, regarding a recent technical interchange meeting hosted at the test site and issues of federal or state regulatory authority of unmanned aircraft systems
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Paul Lucy, Economic Development and Finance Division Director, North Dakota Department of Commerce, regarding the department's vision for the outcome of the study
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tom Swoyer, President, Grand Sky Development Company, regarding development of an unmanned flight application development park and related technology
- 11:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion and directives
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Kelvin Hullett, Economic Development and Government Program Manager, Bank of North Dakota, on the Bank's programs that may assist a community seeking natural gas service
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a revised bill draft [17.0115.04000] with amendments to the one-call notice system provisions
- 1:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 1:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 1:45 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Keith Lund, Past President, Economic Development Association of North Dakota, and Vice President, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation, on the need for natural gas incentives to remain competitive and diversify the economy
- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Al Anderson, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Commerce, regarding economic development programs that may help expand natural gas service for industrial opportunities and the importance of natural gas in terms of competitiveness and diversification
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, regarding Public Service Commission authority to regulate natural gas rates
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Kyle Rogers, Vice President, Government Relations, American Gas Association, regarding the experience of other states with consideration of state assistance in extending natural gas service to unserved communities

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Jane Priebe, Economic Development Director, City of Wahpeton, regarding addressing a solution for a financing gap for a community seeking natural gas service
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark Nisbet, North Dakota Principal Manager, Xcel Energy, regarding an approach to addressing the financing gap for a community seeking natural gas service
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Connie Triplett (Chairman), Randall A. Burckhard, Tom Campbell, Jonathan Casper, Lonnie J. Laffen, Mac Schneider, Terry M. Wanzek

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