



ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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- 8:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 16, 2020, meeting](#)
- 8:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Ed Woods, Vice President, Business Development, Alkane Midstream LLC., regarding flared gas management and methane distribution
- 9:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Representative Brandenburg, regarding the conversion of natural gas to megawatts
- 9:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Michael Nasi, Senior Advisor, Life:Powered, and Partner, Jackson Walker LLP, regarding a regulatory and market update on electric power
- 10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Ladd Erickson, McLean County State's Attorney, regarding energy policy issues from the county perspective
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. John Weeda, Director, North Dakota Transmission Authority, regarding transmission limitations and options to overcome the limitations
- 11:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Lynn Helms, Director, Department of Mineral Resources, Industrial Commission, regarding the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund and a brine pond remediation study update
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. James Leiman, Director of Economic Development and Finance, Department of Commerce, regarding the EmPower ND Commission's energy policy recommendations
- 2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Charles Gorecki, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Environmental Research Center, regarding headwinds in the fossil fuel industry
- 2:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Rich Wardner (Chairman), Brad Bekkedahl, Kathy Hogan, Ray Holmberg, Merrill Piepkorn,
David S. Rust

Representatives: Dick Anderson, Tracy Boe, Mike Brandenburg, Alisa Mitskog, Todd Porter, Don Vigesaa

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