

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Commissioners Clark, Cramer, and Kalk**

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**Public Service Commissioners to Meet with Grand Forks Officials  
Regarding Wind Turbines and the Grand Forks AFB**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> North Dakota Public Service Commissioners- will be in Grand Forks to meet with local officials and personnel from the Grand Forks Air Force Base regarding concerns related to the impact of potential wind farms and the mission of the base.

“The cooperation of all government agencies is critical to ensuring orderly development of our energy resources. No partnership is more important than the one between the state of North Dakota and the United States military. We welcome this opportunity to collaborate with officials connected to the Grand Forks Air Force Base and look forward to a productive relationship, “said Commission Chairman Kevin Cramer.

The meeting is a result of ongoing discussions that Commissioner Tony Clark has had with members of the Base Realignment Impact Committee and local officials. Clark holds the Commission’s electric generation and transmission portfolio.

“In discussions I have had with Grand Forks officials, it has become clear that wind farm siting and permitting is a significant concern. In the past, the PSC has held similar meetings with Minot Air Force Base officials when issues were raised in relation to a then-proposed wind farm south of Minot. My goal is to ensure that any wind farms that are built in North Dakota, are done in such a way that they do not interfere with the critical missions of our state’s air bases. ” said Commissioner Clark.

“We certainly do not want future wind development to jeopardize our national security,” said Commissioner Brian Kalk.

The Commissioners will meet with local Grand Forks leaders and Air Force officials at 1:00 PM at the Grand Forks County Office Building, in the Commission Chambers. The meeting is subsequent to a tour of the air base that commissioners will take at 10:00 AM.

For more information about the forum, call the PSC at 701-328-2400.

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