

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Final Stream Protection Rule

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ON DECEMBER 20, 2016

The North Dakota Public Service Commission has scheduled a special meeting for the captioned case **on December 20, 2016 at 9:30 p.m. CST in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room**, 12th Floor, State Capitol, 600 East Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota. In the event that any or all of the members of the governing body participate in the meeting by telephone or video, a speakerphone or monitor will be available at the location noted.

At the time this notice is being prepared, the December 20, 2016 special meeting is for the purpose of attorney consultation from the Attorney General regarding a potential lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Interior and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. This item may be discussed in an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Chapter 44-04, including N.D.C.C. §§ 44-04-19.1 and 19.2.

In a closed meeting, the Commission's discussion will be limited to the topic and executive session described above.

Date of Notice: December 20, 2016.

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