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### **New Public Service Commission Outlines Portfolios, Begins Work**

A new chapter at the North Dakota Public Service Commission began today as two new commissioners, Randy Christmann and Julie Fedorchak, presided over their regularly scheduled commission meeting. They joined veteran member Brian Kalk, who chairs the commission, in outlining portfolios of work, closing out the Grabanski Grain warehouse insolvency case, and advancing two pipeline projects in western North Dakota.

Commission Chairman Brian P. Kalk said, "I am excited to welcome Commissioners Christmann and Fedorchak to the PSC, our goal is continue to serve the people of North Dakota as we balance the needs of many different interests. A special thank you to Bonny Fetch who left the Commission on December 31, 2012. Commissioner Fetch did an extraordinary job for the State of North Dakota in her time here with the Commission."

Commissioner Randy Christmann stated, "In the Senate I worked with the Commission from the outside. These first days in office have proven, as I suspected, that the Commission has some great people in place to make sure that Commissioners have the information necessary to make our regulatory decisions in a timely, prudent, and fair way."

"With our broad portfolio of regulatory responsibilities, the Public Service Commission is squarely in the middle of North Dakota's historic economic growth especially in energy and agriculture," Fedorchak said. "In my first two weeks on the job I've gained a much greater appreciation for the vital role the PSC plays in helping to ensure that business and industry follow the laws intended to protect people and our environment and provide a level playing field for commerce."

Both Julie Ferdorchak and Randy Christmann have been working the last two weeks through staff briefings and educational sessions on electric regulation, siting, pipeline safety, grain licensing, reclamation, abandoned mines, weights and measures, the electric grid, and the agencies' budget.

The portfolios will be designated as follows:

Commissioner Brian P. Kalk: Business Operations, Electric Generation & Transmission, Telecommunications, and Pipeline Safety.

Commissioner Randy Christmann: Coal Mining, Reclamation and Abandoned Mine Lands, Licensing (Grain and Auctioneers), Railroads, and Weights and Measures.

Commissioner Julie Fedorchak: Gas and Electric Distribution and Pipeline Siting.

The Public Service Commission finalized its work to oversee the Grabanski Grain insolvency case today. Grabanski Grain LLC operated a 950,000 bushel grain warehouse at Grafton, ND. The initial grain warehouse license was issued in November 2007. Grabanski Grain LLC had a \$340,000 bond on file with the Commission. The date of insolvency was established as July 23, 2010 was established as date of insolvency. The Commission has paid all claims (14) and expenses totaling \$525,150.42.

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