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PSC Chairman, Brian Kalk, Attends Coal Technology Symposium in Washington D.C.

BISMARCK, ND – Dr. Brian Kalk, North Dakota Public Service Commission Chairman, participated in the Coal Technology Symposium held in Washington, D.C., last week. The Symposium brought together leading experts from around the nation to discuss the future of coal in our nation’s energy future.

“America’s future growth and economic prosperity is tied to the effective use of coal for electricity generation and many other uses,” said Commissioner Kalk. “This Symposium provided an opportunity to bring North Dakota’s coal story to the national stage. Exciting new coal technologies, many of which are being developed at the University of North Dakota, are on the horizon.”

Dr. Kalk, who is also the Vice Chair of the subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, met with Senator Heidi Heitkamp, who was the main organizer of the Symposium, and Senator John Hoeven. With each Senator, he discussed the threat posed by overzealous federal regulators and the danger for North Dakota’s rate payers and the coal industry, which employs thousands of our citizens.

“The Symposium highlighted the positive role that coal plays in our national and our state economies. Many exciting technological breakthroughs are being developed by UND and other colleges around the nation,” said Commissioner Kalk. “We need to work together to ensure that our coal resources continue to be a major player in our nation’s energy future.”

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