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Kalk Selected to Participate in FERC Technical Conference

BISMARCK, ND – Commissioner Brian Kalk has been selected to participate in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) technical conference to discuss the implications of the EPA’s proposed Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce CO2 emissions. The central region technical conference will be held on March 31 in St. Louis, Mo.

Commissioner Kalk holds the Electric Generation and Transmission portfolio for the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) and also is the chair of the clean-coal subcommittee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

FERC is holding a series of these technical conferences to discuss the potential effects of the EPA’s proposal on each region’s electric reliability, energy infrastructure needs, and implications to wholesale electric markets. In the past year, the NDPSC has held symposiums in Bismarck and Fargo to discuss the impacts of the proposed regulations with energy companies and the public. That information was used to submit formal comments to the EPA in *opposition of the proposed CO2 regulations*.

“The Commission has major concerns about how the proposed rules would impact affordability and reliability of our electric grid,” said Commissioner Brian P. Kalk. “We have previously expressed those concerns as part of our comments to the EPA, but this gives us a great opportunity to express North Dakota’s concerns directly with FERC.”

Commissioner Kalk invites anyone who has comments about the proposed rules to submit them via e-mail. Information received, in conjunction with comments collected throughout the past year, will be used to help formulate questions and information that will be presented at the conference next week. Comments should be submitted to ndpsc@nd.gov by Monday, March 30.

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