

**North Dakota Technical Conference**  
**Grid of the Future: Ensuring Long-Term Reliability**  
**May 20, 2021 – 8:30 AM**  
**North Dakota State Capitol Building Pioneer Room**

**Agenda:**

- 8:30 Opening Comments: Commissioners' welcome, intro of special guests, intro of first panelists
- 8:45 Group #1: Emergency Operations and Communications – Moderator: Commissioner Christmann
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Group #1 Markets and Long-Term Reliability – Moderator: Commissioner Christmann
- 12:30 Lunch break (Cafeteria Available on Ground Floor of Capitol)
- 1:15 Group #2: Emergency Operations and Communications – Moderator: Commissioner Fedorchak
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Group #2 Markets and Long-Term Reliability – Moderator: Commissioner Fedorchak
- 5:00 Wrap up and adjourn – Commissioner Kroshus

**Discussion Group Participants:**

Group #1 - SPP, WAPA, Basin, Distribution Co-ops

Group #2 - MISO, Xcel, OTP, MDU, Minnkota

**Questions to frame the discussions:**

1. What do you see as the main cause(s) or big takeaway from the February 2021 cold weather event besides the fact that it was widespread cold?
2. What is your role in addressing the cause(s)?
3. Explanation of load shed plans.
4. What is your role in addressing resource adequacy?
5. What can North Dakota do to address resource adequacy?

**Guidelines for the day:**

1. This Technical Conference will be broadcast/livestreamed and recorded.
2. Each entity is asked to limit the number of their representatives at the main table to one or two during their sessions. Additional representatives may sit nearby to be more readily available for questions.
3. The format of this technical conference is intended to be an open dialogue between Commissioners and entities.
4. There will be no planned presentations from any participants/entities. If you have slides that may be used to address topics that are better explained with visual aid, please provide them ahead of time to the appropriate contact below.

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