PSC Schedules Public Hearing to Gather Input Regarding the Electrification of Transportation

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Nov. 3 to gather input regarding electrification of transportation.

The input is being gathered as part of President Biden’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that was signed into effect Nov. 2021. As part of that act, each state was directed the following: “Each state shall consider measures to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector, including the establishment of rates that:

- Promote affordable and equitable electric vehicle charging options for residential, commercial, and public electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Improve the customer experience associated with electric vehicle charging, including by reducing charging times for light-, and heavy-duty vehicles.
- Accelerate third-party investment in electric vehicle charging for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles.
- Appropriately recover the marginal costs of delivering electricity to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.”

The Commission has also identified interest in comments regarding the following:

- Whether ownership of electric vehicle charging stations should be permitted by regulated utilities. If permitted, under what conditions?
- What should the Commission consider regarding unfair competition between third-party charging entities and regulated utilities?
- Should the Commission consider special tariffs or rates for residential electric vehicle charging?
- Whether the Commission should consider pilot programs in anticipation of the electrification of transportation sector? If so, what pilot programs?
- What is the anticipated distribution system impact from residential and fleet charging?

During this hearing anyone with input about these issues is encouraged to participate and share their views. The information gathered will be used to help the Commission decide if measures to promote
electrification of the transportation sector should be considered. Written comments will also be accepted through Nov. 14, 2022, and can be sent to ndpsc@nd.gov.

Details for the public hearing are as follows:
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 – 2 p.m. Central
- Attend in person: 12th Floor, State Capitol Building - Bismarck, ND
- Listen and/or share comments via phone: 1-888-585-9008 Room Code 671-872-185
- Online viewing only (cannot give comments using this link):
  https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php

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