



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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TABOR NAMED ACTING ND TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY DIRECTOR

Bismarck -- The North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) today named Sandi Tabor as the Acting North Dakota Transmission Authority Director. The North Dakota Transmission Authority was established in 2005 by the North Dakota Legislature to diversify and expand the North Dakota economy by facilitating development of transmission facilities to support the production, transportation and utilization of North Dakota electric energy. The North Dakota Transmission Authority is governed by the North Dakota Industrial Commission.

"We are pleased to have an individual with Sandi's background to focus on the work of the Transmission Authority," said NDIC members – Governor John Hoeven, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson—in a joint statement. "Transmission continues to be a constraint to the development of North Dakota's abundant lignite and wind resources and it is important we move forward in resolving the issues that hinder our efforts to export our energy resources."

Industrial Commission Executive Director, Karlene Fine, indicated that Ms. Tabor's responsibilities will include:

- Meeting with wind and lignite interests and the Lignite Vision 21 participants in conjunction with LV21 Transmission Team members to further identify steps that can be taken to advance the reality of increased capacity of existing transmission and/or new transmission from North Dakota to our customers in adjacent states;
- Initiate the regulatory process outlined in the Transmission Authority Act;
- Coordinate and facilitate legislative and regulatory proposals that will assist with the development and implementation of transmission plans needed for delivery of electricity to customers in our market areas; and
- In consultation with the Industrial Commission conduct a search for a permanent Transmission Authority Director.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees the North Dakota Transmission Authority.

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