

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 49-05-04.4 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the authority of the public service commission to adopt rules and request a fee to
3 cover the cost of investigating a public utilities integrated resource plan.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-05-04.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
6 as follows:

7 **49-05-04.4. Integrated resource plan.**

8 An electric public utility shall submit integrated resource plans to the commission. The
9 commission may adopt rules and regulations for preparation and submission of integrated
10 resource plans. At the request of the commission, the applicant shall pay a fee reasonably
11 necessary for completing an investigation of the integrated resource plan up to an amount not
12 exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars. If additional funds are reasonably necessary to
13 pay the costs of an investigation of the integrated resource plan, upon request of the
14 commission and with the approval of the emergency commission, the applicant shall pay such
15 additional fees as are reasonably necessary for completion of an investigation by the
16 commission.