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Commissioner Clark Selected for Electric R&D Advisory Council

North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Tony Clark has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The 30 member advisory council consists of leaders from government, academia and the private sector, who advise EPRI on the direction of its mission and work.

"Research and development in the generation and delivery of electricity will have a huge impact on consumers and the economic wellbeing of the State of North Dakota," Clark said. "I am honored by this appointment and look forward to bringing the perspective of a utility commissioner from one of the nation's leading energy-producing states."

Commissioner Clark's appointment comes through the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, of which he is First Vice President.

The EPRI conducts research and development relating to the generation, delivery and use of electricity for the benefit of the public. An independent, nonprofit organization, EPRI brings together its scientists and engineers as well as experts from academia and industry to help address challenges in electricity, including reliability, efficiency, health, safety and the environment. EPRI also provides technology, policy and economic analyses to drive long-range research and development planning, and supports research in emerging technologies. EPRI's members represent more than 90 percent of the electricity generated and delivered in the United States, and international participation extends to 40 countries.

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