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To: [Viohl, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Koutsoubas, Ted](#)
Subject: Energy Update, Oct. 7
Date: Friday, October 07, 2016 7:06:04 PM
Attachments: [2016-10-07 Energy Update.pdf](#)

Please find attached for your information an update on state and federal energy developments.

Have a good weekend!

Best regards,

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ENERGY UPDATE

October 7, 2016

In the States

AL – The Alabama Power Company, the state's largest utility, posted a request for proposals (RFP) for renewable energy projects, hoping to bring more solar, wind, and geothermal energy generation to Alabama. The company, which has already announced more than 90 megawatts of solar power projects since last year, received approval from the Alabama Public Service Commission "to develop up to 500 megawatts of renewable energy projects," including several projects at military installations across the state. In addition to solar, wind, and geothermal energy, the RFP calls for projects focused on tidal or ocean current energy, gas derived from waste or landfills, hydrogen obtained from renewable sources, and biomass energy. "Alabama Power supports renewable energy, where it makes sense for our customers," John Kelley, the utility's director of forecasting and resource planning, said. "Renewable markets change a lot, and this proposal gives us a chance to see what may be out there in the 2017 and 2018 time frame." [Alabama Power eyes future renewable energy projects](#) – *The Huntsville Times*

CT – Governor Dan Malloy discussed the importance of renewable energy generation with 26 local chambers of commerce, the Connecticut Green Bank, and officials from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. After the meeting, nearly a dozen of the local chambers present pledged to work with the Green Bank to "inform their businesses about affordable, long-term financing options" for clean energy projects and programs. Several other chambers also inquired about the state's new Comprehensive Energy Strategy, which seeks reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will be released at some point this fall. "Local chambers of commerce play an important role in helping Connecticut continue to prosper from the growing economic development opportunities of cleaner, cheaper, more reliable energy," said Governor Malloy. [Governor, 26 local chambers show strong interest in clean energy](#) – *Chamber Innovation*

ND – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem sent a letter to Energy Transfer Partners, a Texas-based company developing the Dakota Access pipeline, to explain why it purchased 7,000 acres of land recently for an undisclosed amount. The company, which must respond within 30 days, must describe how its purchase complies with the state's

Depression-era anti-corporate farming law, which bars certain corporations from owning or leasing farmland and engaging in farming. Energy Transfer Partners continues to face public scrutiny over its proposed \$3.8 billion, 1,172-mile pipeline that would carry approximately 450,000 barrels of oil per day from the Bakken oilfields to a hub in Illinois. The project's construction has been delayed due to several lawsuits by local Native American tribes, which claim the company's "bulldozers disturbed ancestral burials and other sacred sites." General Stenehjem said "We'll treat this just like we do every case." [Stenehjem gives Dakota Access 30 days to explain land purchase](#) – *The Jamestown Sun*

Federal and Regional

The Governors' Wind & Solar Energy Coalition, which counts Governors from 20 states as members, sent a [letter](#) to President Barack Obama seeking his administration's support to quickly site wind projects, both on land and offshore. The letter notes that offshore wind energy could "create thousands of jobs in businesses ranging from R&D and engineering to manufacturing and marine construction." Additionally, the Governors would like the administration to streamline the leasing and permitting process as well as to improve permitting collaboration between the states and the federal government. The Governors also noted their hope that the administration and its agencies continue working with the private sector, conservation groups, and states on final rules impacting wind and solar energy development. American Wind Energy Association CEO Tom Kiernan, who thanked the Governors for their support, said "These Governors are leading. They're attuned to economic development needs and deployment challenges in their states, and they're looking to the federal agencies to help rather than hinder." [Tax credits aren't enough to spur renewables, Governors say](#) – *AgriPulse*

According the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), which is part of the Department of Energy, Hurricane Matthew [may cause problems](#) for East Coast energy infrastructure. The storm, which led four Governors to declare states of emergency, may affect product terminals, possibly reducing energy imports. EIA also published map highlighting energy disruptions, links for consumers to determine fuel availability during the storm, and made available its real-time information on electricity demand.

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Date: Saturday, October 08, 2016 2:37:52 PM

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Thank you Brian.

Katie Ignatowski
Chief Legal Counsel
Office of Governor Scott Walker

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2016, at 2:37 PM, Satula, Brian - DMA <Brian.Satula@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Subject: FW: ND Deployment Update #4
Date: Monday, October 10, 2016 5:18:40 PM
Attachments: [SANITIZED_OPORD_47.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Hi Monica....this may be more of a Dept of Military Affairs issue, but we have 17 Troopers out in North Dakota for 9 days (7 on the ground doing the mission). The attached operations order (OPORD) is more info than you need.

See story (and link) below.

At bottom is a synopsis from Todd Nehls, WI Emer Mgmt, describing all of the other law enforcement (LE) support from WI.

Tom

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - North Dakota officials say Wisconsin is lending law enforcement resources to authorities responding to the Dakota Access pipeline protests.

Officials said Friday that Wisconsin will provide up to 40 sworn sheriffs' deputies from Dane County and the surrounding area to support the Morton County Sheriff's Office in North Dakota.

Officers will assist for up to 21-day rotations. The deputies come through an interstate mutual aid compact.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier says the deputies will provide the manpower necessary to respond to multiple protest locations.

Thousands of people have joined the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe encampment in what's been called the largest gathering of Native American tribes in a century.

Some of the protests have expanded to other construction sites along the pipeline route, which crosses through the Dakotas, Iowa and Illinois.

Link to media regarding our support to ND.

<http://www.wdio.com/news/wisconsin-deputies-north-dakota-pipeline-protest/4285311/>

From: Nehls, Todd - DMA

Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2016 8:31 AM

To: John Shilts; Dave Mahoney; Robert Spoden (spoden@co.rock.wi.us); Marathon Co. Sheriff - DMA; Teasdale, Charles - DOT

Cc: Jeff Hook (hook@danesherriff.com); Shena Kohler; Jeffrey Stefonek; Engelhart, Teresa - DMA; Satula, Brian - DMA; Reichenberger, Richard - DOT; Wolfe, Paul - DOT

Subject: ND Deployment Update #1

Sheriff's,

Please ensure this gets to your OIC for the North Dakota deployment. I will try to provide the latest information and updates as possible. I attached the info paper from Morton County ND Sheriff Laney.

1. The WI Mission Ready Package (MRP) will stage at the Eau Claire

WSP post at 5005 US-53, Eau Claire, WI and be ready for departure at 0600 Sunday. If your contingent has other plans (like leaving today) contact the Eau Claire WSP Post at (715) 839-3800 and leave a message for WSP Lt. Rich Reichenberger (thanks Lt.) who will be the WSP OIC for the trip out. Recommend all squads are topped off with fuel upon arrival at Eau Claire WSP post.

2. The St. Croix CO SO group will fall in as the group passes thru St. Croix County (Hudson). I estimate the link up to be around 0700 at the Second St interchange which is the last one in WI before crossing the river.
3. Mission starts 0700 Monday, report to 4492 Highway 6 which is the Mandan, ND airport. From Eau Claire, it will be 528 miles/7.5 hours, airport is located right off I94. You will receive and intel update upon arrival.
4. Weather next 2 weeks highs in 50's, lows in 30's.
5. I am working on getting and intel update and current situation.
6. ND will provide "bag radios" to you for communications.
7. Sheriff Laney will deputize all personnel for arrest authority.
8. Our (WI) offer, which determines reimbursement includes mileage (.39) \$50 per day per diem at out-of-state rate B\$10, L\$15, D\$25, minus meals provided. ND plans on providing lunch and dinner. Plan is for 12 hour shifts each day.
9. I hope to have our accepted offer back from ND today. When I do I will inform this email group you have been approved for deployment.
10. PLEASE.....report any injuries, significant use of force incidents, or equipment loss of damage to your agency as soon as possible.
11. The original request was for resources who could commit to 21 days on the ground and two day travel. Due to significant mileage expense, ND wanted longer deployments but "will take what you can give."
12. Here is what I am tracking:
 - a. WSP 1 Lt, 2 Sgt's, 14 Troopers for 9 days, seven on the ground.
 - b. Rock Co SO, one supervisor, four deputies for 9 days, seven on the ground
 - c. Dane Co SO, one Lt, 3 Sgts, eight deputies for 9 days, seven on the ground
 - d. Marathon Co SO, 4 personnel (1 K9) for 12 days, 10 on the ground with four additional relieving the first group of four for the same time period.
 - e. St. Croix Co SO, 4 personnel for 9 days, 7 on the ground, with the likelihood for four additional to relieve the first group of 4.Total personnel is 42.

13. If your personnel enjoy the mission and wish to extend I am sure ND would appreciate that, let me know.
14. Once this group is out the door I will be working request #2 for 40 more to follow this group. If you can assist with the second iteration let me know.
15. POC for questions while in route and contact upon arrival is the Morton County Tactical Command Post at 701-667-3224.
16. I will be the POC for communication back to WI, if there are ANY ISSUES, please advise me as soon as the issue arises, if you work issues with you employing agency make sure I am in the loop so I have situational awareness on the issue.
17. Thank you for stepping up, drive safe, I hope your experience will be a positive one.

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Operations Briefing #47 – Dakota Access Pipeline Protest (Morton County)

October 7, 2016/1700 thru October 8, 2016/1700

(New Information in Italics)

1. Situation

- A. Additional NDNG support will be available on Monday for administration, transportation, etc.*
- B. No protester opposition to the Pro-Law Enforcement Rally at the Morton LEC*
- C. Several smaller convoys of protester vehicles traveled around the AO today...LE monitored protesters routes of travel and blocked entry to AR's 103 to 118*
- D. 1130 Fargo PD conducted a traffic stop S. of St. Anthony today resulting in (3) misdemeanor arrests*
- E. The Haunted Fort begins tonight at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park - Opening October 7th 2016 - also on the 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, & 29th*
- F. There is a report of a raft trip from Bismarck to Fort Yates tomorrow (unconfirmed)*
- G. Conflicts being worked regarding continued use of the Mandan Municipal Airport as a Staging Area*
- H. The Quartermaster is now operational at the Mandan Airport*
- I. 95% of inquiring media outlets have been vetted*
- J. Report of some semi-permanent/cold weather shelters being built, such as wig wams and underground shelters*
- K. Pro Law Enforcement Rally today (October 7) at the LEC and protester reaction is anticipated*
- L. 2300 Hours: A white Ford Escape displaying California plate 5KNM901 registered to Jane Chiang stopped by the TIP. Chiang was the driver. She presented a press pass and requested to take a few photos of the TIP. She was asked to stay in the ditch while taking photos and respected the request. She took some photos and departed going southbound on Hwy 1806*
- M. 2330: BIA requested assistance with a pursuit of a red Camaro that entered the north overflow camp at high speeds. The Camaro drove to the back of the camp and then tried to leave, almost hitting a number of people. BIA had terminated the pursuit by this point for safety reasons. The Camaro ended up crashing into a teepee and injuring a man's ankle that was inside. Much of the pursuit was on reservation but the crash with the teepee was off of it. BIA got the driver out of the Camaro, handcuffed him, and quickly got him out of the camp. 249 and 231 were near the entrance to the camp and were signaled to stop by the BIA unit who was quickly exiting the camp. 231 and 249 and a Morton SO unit stood by until things were sorted out. The driver blew a .242 on the alco-sensor. Morton SO arrested the driver for DUI and possibly other charges as they are taking the investigation. Protesters/camp security were cooperative with LE during the incident. The Camaro was involved in a hit and run in Mandan earlier in the night and may possibly be stolen.*
- N. 0300: An older Dodge pickup pulling a flatbed trailer came thru the TIP headed southbound. The pickup box and trailer fully loaded with building supplies including what appeared to be teepee poles. It was followed by a maroon GMC Yukon pulling an enclosed trailer. Both vehicles had Washington plates but I couldn't get the numbers.*
- O. The NDACO convention begins at noon Sunday with NDACO board and NDCCA board meetings. A welcome social begins at 6:30 at the Radisson. Morning breakfasts will be served for participants on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Ramkota and the Radisson. The main conference events will all take place at the Bismarck Events Center on Monday and*

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Tuesday. Busses will be running between the hotels and the civic center to ferry participants back and forth. Monday evening features a dinner and dance show featuring the Johnny Holm band. This is being billed as a "Superhero" costume party event, so there will be many people dressed accordingly. The costume party event is also held at the civic center

P. Participants will include county officials, both elected and appointed. Some spouses and guests are also expected to attend. All attendees are registered, and will have ID credentials visible when they are at the civic center... Sponsor vendors are also included in the mix of participants... Those individuals also have ID credentials... There have not been any indications of protest activity at the NCACo Convention... Governor Dalrymple is scheduled to speak on Monday morning at around 0845 in a general session at the Bismarck Events Center.

Q. Injuries and Fatalities

- Injuries – 5
- Fatalities – 0

FIRE DANGER

This morning, Morton and Sioux Counties are in the "Low" Adjective Fire Danger Category.

WEATHER

Windy today out of the NW at 15 to 20-mph

Cool temperatures today with a high around 45

Tonight the temperature will dip down around 30-degrees

Some chance of precipitation N. of the AO

Cloudy this morning and should start breaking up this afternoon

A little warmer tomorrow with a high around 50-degrees

Should stay dry tomorrow

Sunday it should be clear with a few clouds

Slight chance of rain on Monday Night

2. Strategic Goals

- Life Safety is ensured for all - local landowners, the public, workers, emergency responders, and protestors
- The exercise of property rights, and enjoyment of property, is protected for those who have a legal right to that exercise and enjoyment
- Unlawful actions and actors no longer impacting public and private sector operations and the lawful exercise of Constitutional Rights; or are marginalized to a point where they are no longer a factor
- Legal projects and commerce can take place unhindered
- Increased confidence in government and their ability to maintain law and order

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- State and local governments maintain law and order within their jurisdictions; with emphasis on the Cannonball Ranch area of operations in addition to pinpointed areas of unlawful protest activity
- Tribal government establishes law and order on tribal land; with emphasis on the northern boundary area of operations in addition to pinpointed areas of unlawful protest activity
- Balance all public information (traditional/social) coverage to ensure support of strategic goals through active engagement and messaging
- Execution:
- Protestors/trespassers in small or manageable groups need to be arrested and charged accordingly for applicable criminal violations committed within the presence of sworn officers. This applies if it can be safely accomplished by the number of officers on scene.

3. Concept of the Operations/Commander's Intent: Each responder will use extreme caution when working in and around the area of operations and be especially observant to the possibility of weapons. All responders will practice self-control in accordance with departmental policy and work to protect the safety of all.

4. Coordinating Instructions:

- Important Times and Dates:
 - Meeting/Briefing schedule for next Operational Period
 - 0700 - EOC Opens
 - 0900 – Command and General Staff Briefing
 - 1700 – Operations Briefing (Situation Pending)
- Important Dates:

DAPL/PARADIGM/ARCHAMBAULT COURT TIMELINE

Date and Time	Case or Event	Location	Description
10/11/2016	<u>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. US Army Corps</u>	U.S. District Court, Washington DC	Corps' response to Plaintiffs' Complaint is due.
11/10/2016	<u>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. US Army Corps</u>	U.S. District Court, Washington DC	Corps shall file the administrative record on or before this date.
11/10/2016, 1:00 pm (central)/2:00 pm (eastern)	<u>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. US Army Corps</u>	U.S. District Court, Washington DC	Status Conference before Judge Boasberg

- October 7 – 9 pow wow in Rapid City, SD
- NDACo Convention – (October 9 - 11) Bismarck Civic Center

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- A horseback ride is planned from Solen to Lark to New Salem to Dodge to Twin Buttes to New Town (October 8 – 13)
- International Days of Prayer (October 8 through 13) – request on social media for people to take an action such as stop a pipeline near you etc.
- October 11th – Great Plains and ND Energy Conference at Ramada Inn (Bismarck)

Communications:

Safety:

- All injuries will be reported immediately to the responder's supervisor and brought to the agency specific Human Resources Director
- Remain extremely observant and cautious in the vicinity of protesters

Logistics:

- Any over the counter medications needed by responders are available from the Morton County Correctional facility (POC: CPT. Dave Psyck)
- Maintain accurate accountability of all issued resources

Finance:

- Mutual Aid agencies supporting operations in the AO will be reimbursed based on actual costs (regular and overtime)
- Reimbursement is also eligible for backfilling regular time at the mutual aid agency's home station
- The congressional delegation is working on a continuing resolution for federal funding to off-set costs being accrued

Kyle Kirchmeier (Incident Commander)

From: [Miller, Robert - DOT](#)
To: [DOT DL EXEC WisDOT Today](#)
Subject: WisDOT Today for Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016
Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 4:01:24 PM

MEDIA

- **Raymond Neupert with WHBL radio in Sheboygan** spoke with Shaun Peterson (DMV) regarding the new Milw. Bucks license plate announced today. Explained there is an annual \$25 donation fee collected with each Bucks plate. From now until April 1, 2036, 80% of the donations collected will help retire debt for the new Bucks arena, and 20% will be dedicated to the Bucks charitable foundation. After April 1, 2036, 100% will be allocated to the Bucks charitable foundation.
- **Scott Hurley with Fox TV 11 in Green Bay** asked for an image of the new Milw. Bucks license plate. Shaun Peterson provided a pdf version.
- **Marie Williams with WBAY TV in Green Bay** contacted OPA asking if WI State Patrol is involved in pipeline security in North Dakota. Steve Olson (OPA) explained that under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact request from the Morton Co. (ND) Sheriff's Office, 17 WI State Patrol officers left early Sunday morning for duty in North Dakota. The WI State Patrol officers volunteered for the mission, will return on Saturday, Oct. 15, and all costs incurred will be reimbursed.

From: [Miller, Robert - DOT](#)
To: [DOT DL EXEC WisDOT Today](#)
Subject: WisDOT Today for Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:03:32 PM

MEDIA

- **George Hesselberg with the WI State Journal** contacted Patty Mayers (OPA) asking about State Patrol participation in the North Dakota pipeline protests. Explained WI Emergency Management was contacted under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact Request from the Morton County Sheriff's Dept. in North Dakota. The request was for 50 WI law enforcement officers and the WI State Patrol is providing 17 officers. All costs associated with this EMAC request will be fully reimbursed.
- **TV 12 in Milw.** interviewed Southeast RCM Mike Pyritz for an update on new traffic patterns in the Zoo Interchange, and for public education on a nearby pedestrian beacon along US 18. The pedestrian beacon has been creating some confusion for drivers near the Zoo Interchange.
- **The Fond du Lac Reporter** spoke with NE Region Supervisor Rob Wagner and NE Region Project Manager Bryan Learst at a public information meeting for WIS 23 (Rosendale to I-41) on Tuesday night in Fond du Lac. Discussed the project purpose and schedule.
- **Mike Kemmeter with WHBY radio in Appleton** talked to NE RCM Melissa Kok about the upcoming traffic switch from the existing Little Lake Butte des Morts Bridge to the new bridge. Explained the traffic switch will take place over three weeks.
- **Adam Lidgett with Law 360** contacted OPA asking if we have any comment regarding the 7th Circuit Court ruling on the Highway 23 project. Patty Mayers (OPA) explained we do not comment on legal matters.

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Subject: WisDOT Today for Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016
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MEDIA

- **Jessica Bringe with TV 13 in Eau Claire** spoke with Lt. Adrian Logan (DSP/NW Region) regarding the \$400,000 federal High Priority Grant State Patrol will use for traffic enforcement along highway corridors with high rates of commercial motor vehicle crashes. Explained DSP troopers, inspectors and pilots will focus on dangerous driving behaviors including speeding and CMV equipment violations.
- **Joel Bernell with TV 26 in Green Bay** asked about WI State Patrol participation in the North Dakota pipeline protests. Patty Mayers (OPA) explained that under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact Request from North Dakota, the WI State Patrol provided 17 troopers who started Oct. 10 and will return Oct. 15. All costs will be fully reimbursed.
- **Madeline Sweitzer is a student reporter with the Observatory**, a new investigative publication from the UW School of Journalism in partnership with the WI Center for Investigative Journalism. She is investigating a claim made by State Rep. Dave Considine about the percentage of the state's transportation budget used to pay interest on borrowing and would like more info. Referred to Anna Richter (Office of Policy, Finance and Improvement).
- **TV 6 and TV 58 in Milw.** interviewed SE Region Project Manager Mark Klipstein about the closure on I-41 starting Friday at 10 p.m. and running until Sunday morning.
- **TV 4 and TV 12 in Milw.** contacted SE RCM Mike Pyritz for more info on the same I-41 closure starting Friday night. It is likely the stations will do interviews on Friday.

Legislative

- **State Rep. Ken Skowronski** received an update from SE RCM Mike Pyritz about a constituent issue involving drainage on their property. Will follow up with detailed info and photos.

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Will do

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

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Subject: Weekly Agency Report for Transportation
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Attached is this week's agency report for the Department of Transportation.
Have a great weekend,

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There was an omission in the previous report. It has now been corrected. Please use this weekly report for your records.

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Date: Monday, October 17, 2016 11:20:07 AM

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Recommended Reads

(Walker Op-Ed) Standing up for Wisconsin's dairy farmers and fair trade ([The Sun Prairie Star](#))- Canada is the top international trading partner with Wisconsin, a partnership that raises living standards on both sides of the border by promoting job creation and increasing markets for Wisconsin manufactured goods and agricultural commodities. Over the past five years, Wisconsin exported \$358 million worth of dairy products to Canada. But this mutually beneficial relationship is being threatened by Canadian dairy policies. Last June, I expressed my concerns about these policies directly to U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman and U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Canada's protectionism is already costing Wisconsin's dairy industry. That's the message we will continue to deliver to the Canadians, working with state, federal, and industry officials: Uphold our international trade agreements and level the playing field for our dairy producers in the Canadian markets.

Supreme Court agrees to hear transgender bathroom case ([The Hill](#))- The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case challenging a Virginia school's refusal to let a transgender student use the boys' bathroom. The court on Friday granted review of the case, known as Gloucester County School Board v. G.G. The case centers on G.G., a 17-year-old boy who was born female, who was barred from using the boys' bathroom after the school board enacted a policy in December 2014 requiring students to use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender assigned at birth. The justices are being asked to weigh whether agency deference should be extended to an unpublished agency letter and whether the Department of Education's specific interpretation that Title IX anti-discrimination laws require schools to treat transgender students consistent with their gender identity when it comes to bathroom facilities.

Economic Development

Florida's Job Growth Rate Leads the Nation, Over 252,000 New Private-Sector Jobs Added in 2016 ([Space Coast Daily](#))- Governor Rick Scott announced that Florida had the highest annual private-sector job growth rate of any other state in the nation. Over the year in September, Florida added 252,400 new private-sector jobs, raising Florida's private-sector job growth rate to 3.6 percent. Governor Scott said, "Florida's strong job growth has consistently outpaced our top competitor states, including Texas, California and New York, and last month our job growth rate outpaced the entire nation. This great news is sending a message across the country that Florida is the best place for businesses to grow and create new opportunities."

Budget & Tax

Hogan administration says state needs to cut \$82 million to close revenue gap ([The Baltimore Sun](#))- The Hogan administration will ask the Board of Public Works to approve \$82 million in spending cuts from the current state budget, including cuts to colleges and universities, local governments and Medicaid. The proposal, which will go to the board next week, reflects an expected revenue shortfall. The board is made up of Republican Gov. Larry Hogan and two Democrats, Comptroller Peter Franchot and Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp. Budget Secretary David R. Brinkley outlined the proposed reductions to the state's \$43 billion budget in a conference call Friday. He presented the action as part of Hogan's strategy to address an expected budget gap of \$175 million to \$225 million. The largest single cut, \$20 million for Medicaid, would be cushioned by shifting funds from the state's Cigarette Restitution Fund, created by a legal settlement with tobacco companies.

Healthcare

Michigan continues focus on obesity prevention and reduction ([Upper Michigan Source](#))- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan Progress Report 2012 – 2015, which summarizes Michigan's progress to prevent and control obesity, reduce chronic disease, and build a stronger, healthier Michigan on Friday. Governor Rick Snyder tasked the MDHHS with addressing the issue of obesity in Michigan. Obesity is one of the state's most pressing health issues with two-thirds of Michigan adults and one-third of children either being overweight or obese. "Despite positive efforts that are making a change, obesity continues to be a public health risk in Michigan," said Snyder. "Many Michiganders spend a good portion of our day at work and school. We need to make sure these places are making the healthy choice the easy choice for children and adults." The report outlines the \$1.7 million in state funds and the \$3.5 million earned in federal grants that have helped the 4 x 4 Plan reach 2 million children and adults in Michigan's communities. Michigan has made significant progress over the last few years with childhood and adult obesity rates leveling off, moving from the fifth to the sixteenth most obese state in the nation.

New Mexico seeks co-pays from Medicaid patients ([Albuquerque Journal](#))- New Mexico is pursuing federal authority to charge medical co-payments and some other costs to patients enrolled in Medicaid health care for the poor and disabled, the state Human Services Department secretary told lawmakers on Wednesday. Secretary Brent Earnest said "nominal" co-payments and other charges would provide a small economic incentive to steer patients away from wasteful expenses, such as the use of emergency room services for routine care. Earnest said the agency has not yet established copayment prices for Medicaid services and certain prescription drugs, or determined how much money the state might save over time.

Public Safety

(New Mexico) New DWI unit takes aim at drunken drivers in Bernalillo County ([KOB4](#))- To help deal with the long-standing problem of drunken driving, Gov. Susana Martinez presented the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office with a brand-new mobile DWI unit. They're calling it the "Batmobile." It comes equipped with breath-testing stations and drunk tanks, and it allows for officers to conduct more efficient checkpoint operations. "If you drink and you drive and you end up in the Batmobile, you're going to get a free ride to jail," Martinez said. Bernalillo County has the highest rate of alcohol-related traffic deaths in the state. So far this year, there have been more than 30.

Energy & Environment

(IA, ND, SD) Governors ask Corps to issue easement for pipeline construction ([Grand Forks Herald](#))- In the days leading up to a clash between law enforcement and Dakota Access Pipeline protesters, governors from three states renewed a plea to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to approve an easement for pipeline construction to cross the Missouri River in North Dakota. The governors — Jack Dalrymple of North Dakota, Terry Branstad of Iowa and Dennis Daugaard of South Dakota — wrote an Oct. 25 letter to three top Corps officials urging them to move forward with final easement approval. "Further delay in issuing the easement will negatively impact our states and our citizens," the letter stated. "Construction delays will negatively impact landowners and farmers who will risk having multiple growing seasons impacted by construction activities. It is in the best interest of all parties to mitigate any further negative impacts."

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Subject: RE: Police in ND
Date: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:01:56 AM

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Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 8:56 AM
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From: [Becker, Andrew - GOV](#)
To: [Bayer, Amy E - DOT](#)
Subject: RE: Police in ND
Date: Thursday, November 03, 2016 12:15:00 PM

Thank you for your response.

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From: [Viohl, Jeff](#)
To: [Viohl, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Koutsoubas, Ted](#)
Subject: Energy Update, Nov. 4
Date: Friday, November 04, 2016 4:49:09 PM
Attachments: [2016-11-04 Energy Update.pdf](#)

Attached for your information is an update on state and federal energy developments. Have a great weekend!

Best regards,

Jeff

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ENERGY UPDATE

November 4, 2016

In the States

FL – Florida Power & Light (FPL) received environmental approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to construct two pressurized water nuclear reactors at the utility's Turkey Point complex, which is about 25 miles south of Miami and serves all of southern Florida. Following the announcement, FPL said it would begin the process of "seeking combined operating licenses" for the new reactors. The NRC, which is also conducting other reviews of the project, will also work with the Army Corps of Engineers, which will use the NRC's information to consider issuing a federal permit for the project as required by the Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act. [FPL gets environmental approval for 2 more reactors at Turkey Point](#) – *The Miami Herald*

IA – According to a new [report](#) by the American Wind Energy Association, which represents the wind energy industry, Iowa is "deriving more than 35 percent of its electricity from wind energy." Iowa, the first state to produce more than a third of its electricity from wind power, utilizes more than 3,700 turbines to do so and ranks third among all states in the number of turbines and second only to Texas in overall wind energy production. Iowa leads both Kansas and South Dakota, who respectively rank second and third, in wind energy as a share of all electricity production. According to the AWEA report, which was released at the Iowa State Capitol, approximately \$12 billion was invested in wind energy projects in Iowa and the industry supports close to 7,000 jobs. "Iowa is blessed with tremendous renewable resources and is well positioned to continue drawing companies to Iowa who are seeking low energy costs," said Governor Terry Branstad. [Iowa reaches new high mark for wind energy production](#) – *The Quad City Times* and [AWEA reports continual U.S. wind growth](#) – *North American WindPower News*

MI – Governor Rick Snyder led a discussion on energy policy in Escanaba, the third largest city in the Upper Peninsula, and toured a plant run by Engineered Machined Products (EMP), which produces mechanical and electric water and oil pumps, electric fans, thermal management systems, and precision-machined components. Governor Snyder focused most of his comments on power generation, energy efficiency, and sustainability efforts. He also spoke about the state's record of producing natural gas,

adding that aged Michigan coal plants should transition to “better, smarter energy sources.” [Governor visits Escanaba, talks energy](#) – *The Escanaba Daily Press*

PA – Governor Tom Wolf is planning to launch an initiative to increase the commonwealth’s solar energy production, which he hopes will generate in-state electricity sales and revenue. The initiative, which is scheduled to begin in January 2017, will develop a solar energy strategy that will be available for public comment and then employed by policymakers, regulators, businesses, and consumers. The plan, which is funded by a \$550,000 grant by the federal Department of Energy, will also focus on meeting the commonwealth’s energy goals and developing measures to help low-income consumers. “This is an important step forward for us to better understand how we can increase Pennsylvania’s solar footprint long-term, which will provide more options for consumers and decrease emissions,” Governor Wolf said in the release. “Alternative energy and lower-emission fuels like natural gas will help to decrease the impacts of climate change, which we know will have negative impacts on our air, our health and important industries, including agriculture and tourism.” [Wolf announced initiative to boost PA solar energy development](#) – *Central Penn Business Journal*

Federal and Regional

More than 100 business groups, led by Consumer Energy Alliance, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Manufacturers, sent a [letter](#) to President Barack Obama asking his administration to finalize its five-year offshore drilling plan and include leases in the Arctic Ocean. The plan, known as the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, focuses on 10 leases in the Gulf of Mexico and one each in the Chukchi Sea, the Beaufort Sea, and the Cook Inlet. The letter asks the administration “not to take any actions that would remove areas from consideration under future offshore leasing programs,” noting that the United States will continue to rely on oil and gas to meet its energy needs. A decision on the plan is expected sometime this month. [Keep Alaska, Gulf of Mexico sales in next f-year OCS plan](#) – *Oil and Gas Journal*

Protests continued this month in Cannon Ball, North Dakota near the site of the proposed Dakota Access oil pipeline. Hundreds of clergy from various faiths joined the protestors to march and sing hymns, calling to end the construction of the \$3.8 billion, 1,200-mile pipeline that would carry approximately 450,000 barrels of oil per day from the Bakken oilfields to a hub in Illinois. According to police, “clashes between protesters have resulted in more than 400 arrests since August.” President Obama noted this week that his administration is considering ways to reroute the pipeline. [Clergy join pipeline protestors for ceremony](#) – *The Associates Press* and [Army Corps weighing whether to ‘reroute’ pipeline](#) – *The Denver Post*