

NEWS RELEASE May 2, 2014 For Immediate Release, Contact: Brian Kalk, (701) 261-0373 Randy Christmann, (701) 328-4091 Julie Fedorchak, (701) 391-1140

Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 12, regarding a proposed 110 megawatt wind farm project in Stark and Morton Counties.

Sunflower Wind Project, LLC, has submitted an application to construct the Sunflower Wind Energy Project. The project would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators. Additional project facilities would include access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the project will interconnect to a transmission line that crosses the project area. Sunflower is targeting a start of construction for early 2015, providing all preconstruction permits and approvals have been obtained.

The project would encompass approximately 12,700 acres, all of which is private land. The location would be south of Hebron, west of Glen Ullin and east of Richardton just south of Interstate 94. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Monday, May 12, 2014 10 a.m. CDT
- Where: Hebron Community Center 620 Washington Ave., Hebron, N.D.

The hearings provide an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the information. <u>Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.</u>

The hearing schedule provides for the company to present its case and answer questions from the Commissioners first, after which the Commission will take comments from other parties and the public.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

###

Find us on Twitter: twitter.com/ndpsc or @NDPSC

