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Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Wind Project in Williams County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Tioga on Thursday, Oct. 8, regarding a proposal for a wind farm and associated facilities in Williams County.

Lindahl Wind Project, LLC has filed an application for the 150 megawatt Lindahl Wind Farm Project consisting of up to 75 wind turbine generators north of Tioga, N.D. Additional project facilities include access roads, electrical collection and communication systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance building, permanent meteorological towers, and a substation. Lindahl Wind has executed a power purchase agreement with Basin Electric for the entire output of the project. Energy will be delivered from the physical point of interconnection (the Lindahl Switching Station) to Basin Electric's members via infrastructure owned and operated by Burke Divide Electric Cooperative, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative and the Western Area Power Administration. Estimated cost of the project is \$248.5 million.

The project will encompass approximately 13,000 acres and will be located about 4 miles north of Tioga, N.D. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed wind farm location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Thursday, Oct 8, 2015 9 a.m. CDT
- Where: Neset Consulting Service 6844 Highway 40, Tioga, N.D.

The hearing provides 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/opposition 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 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.

