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Public Hearing Scheduled in Rolette for Proposed Wind Energy Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Rolette on Monday, June 29, regarding a proposal to construct a wind farm and associated facilities in Rolette County.

Rolette Power Development, LLC, has filed an application for the Rolette Wind Power Project. The project will have the capacity of up to 100 megawatts and would consist of up to 59 wind turbines and additional facilities. Additional facilities would include new gravel access roads and improvements to existing roads; underground electrical collection and communication lines; an operations and maintenance building; a substation; and permanent meteorological towers.

The wind project would encompass approximately 14,720 acres three miles south of Rolette, N.D. Estimated cost of the project is \$175 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the location of the wind project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

• When: Monday, June 29, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. CDT

• Where: Memorial Hall 503 2nd Avenue, Rolette, 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 for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their 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>

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