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**PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Tioga for Proposed Aurora Wind Project
and Associated Transmission Line**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Tioga on Monday, February 25, regarding a proposal to construct a wind farm in Williams County and associated electric transmission line in Williams and Mountrail Counties.

Aurora Wind, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tradewind Energy, Inc), has submitted applications for permits for the Aurora Wind Project and an associated transmission line. The wind farm will have a capacity of approximately 300 megawatts and will consist of up to 123 wind turbine generators and associated facilities. Associated facilities include access roads, electric collection and communication systems and cabling, an operations and maintenance building, meteorological evaluation towers, and a project substation. The project area would encompass approximately 44,000 acres located approximately five miles northwest of Tioga. Total cost of the wind project is estimated at \$385 million.

The project will also include a 20-mile long, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would run from the wind project in Williams County to Basin Electric's Tande Substation in Mountrail County. Total cost of the transmission line is estimated at \$15 million.

(Note to the media: Maps showing the proposed location of the wind project and transmission line have been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Neset Consulting Service
6844 State Highway 40, Tioga, ND 58852**

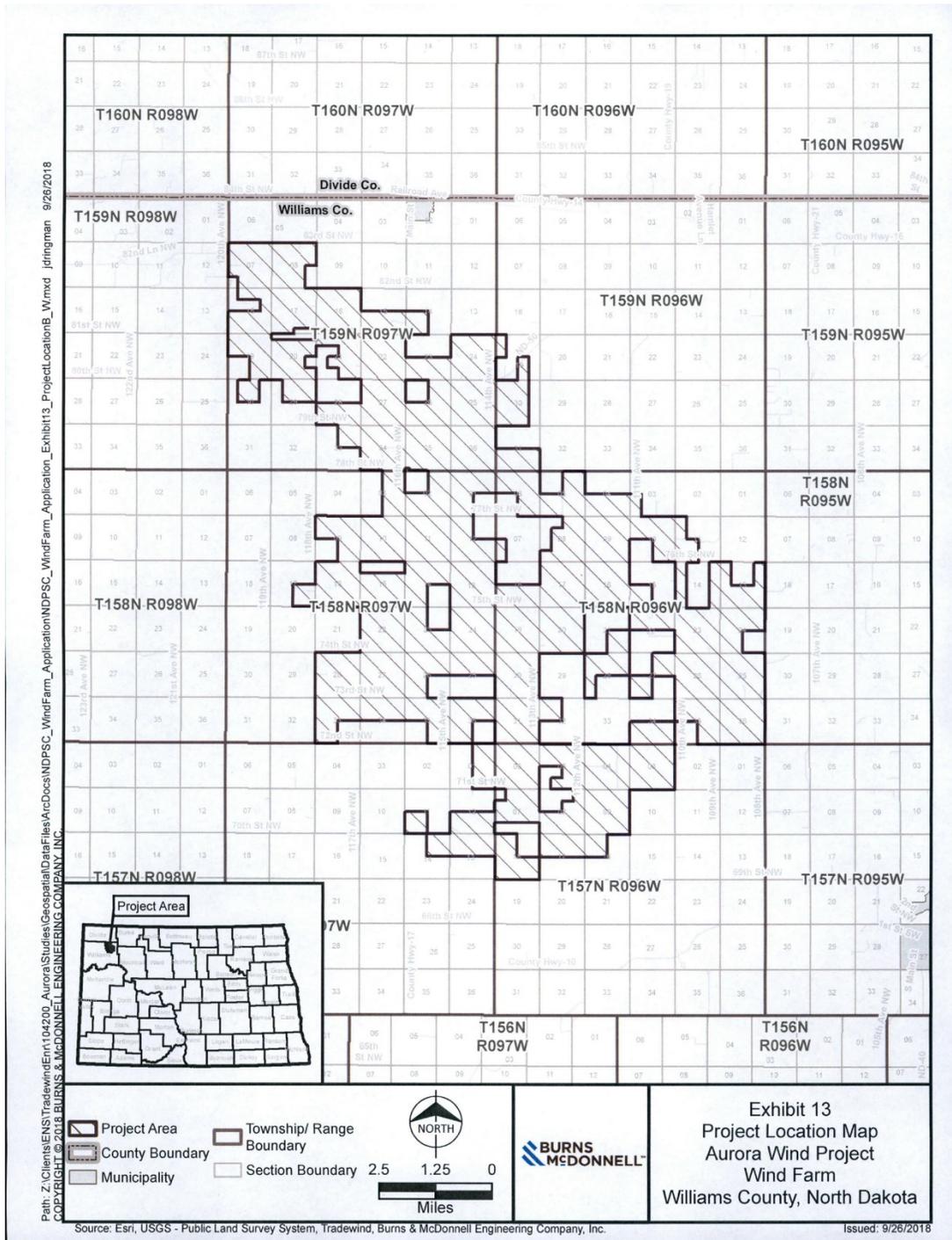
The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. 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.

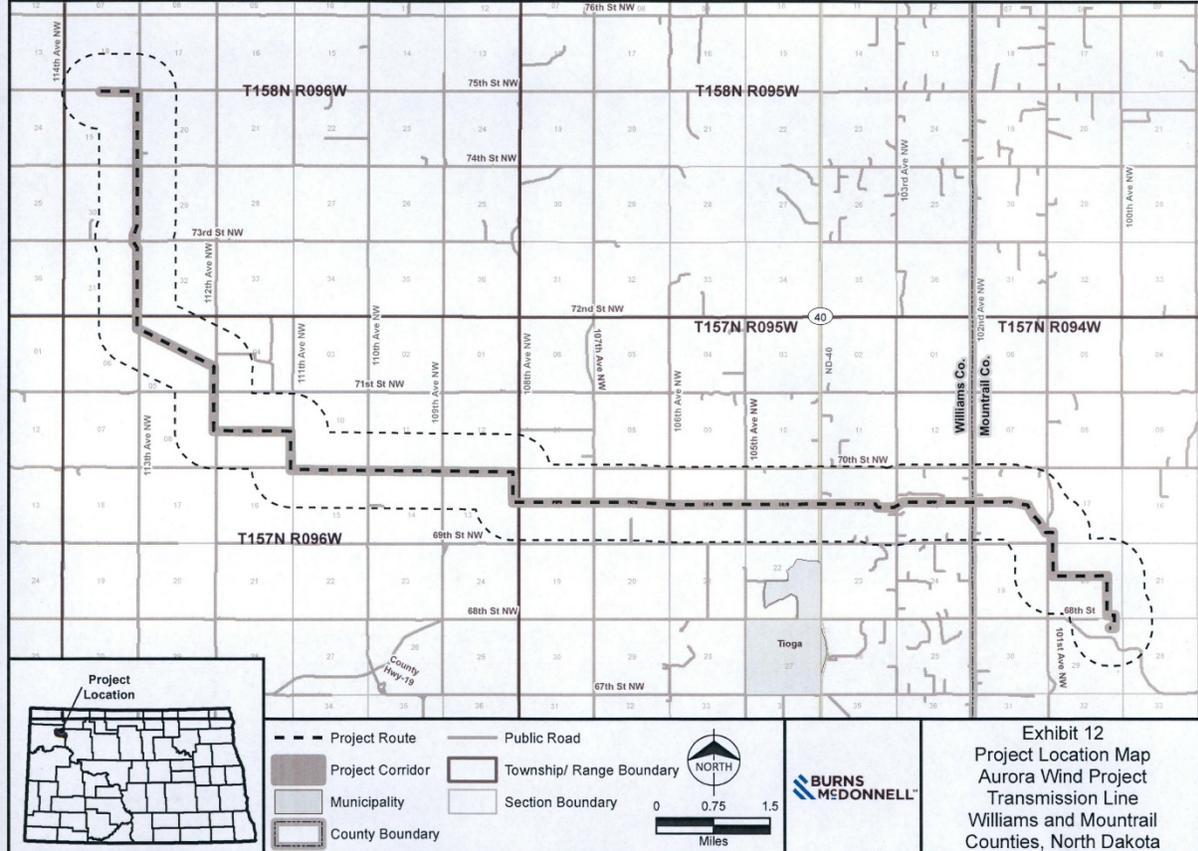
The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas

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.

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Source: Esri, USGS - Public Land Survey System, Tradewind, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

Exhibit 12
 Project Location Map
 Aurora Wind Project
 Transmission Line
 Williams and Mountrail
 Counties, North Dakota

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