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Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer

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May 23 PSC Public Hearing on Proposed Transmission Line

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Monday May, 23, 2005 on the application of Florida Power and Light (FPL) to build a 28 mile 230kV transmission line in Burleigh and Oliver Counties.

The public hearing on this application is scheduled to begin Monday, May 23, 2005 at 9 a.m. CDT (8 a.m. MDT) at the Center Civic Center in Center, North Dakota, and will be continued Monday May 23, 2005 at 3 p.m. (CDT) at the Wilton Memorial Hall, Wilton, North Dakota. "Interested parties may attend and be heard at either or both locations," commented Commissioner Susan Wefald. "At this hearing, FPL will be providing information and answering Commission questions on the proposed transmission line," she added. "There will also be time for interested parties to make comments and ask questions."

"FPL is planning to build a 49.5 MW wind generation facility southeast of Wilton, North Dakota and the proposed 230kV transmission line would extend from the Burleigh County Wind Energy Center to the Square Butte Cooperative's Center Substation in Oliver County," said Commissioner Tony Clark. "They plan to start building the transmission line and wind facility this summer, once the PSC approval process is complete," he added.

"We encourage members of the public who have questions about the proposed transmission line or the hearing to contact the PSC," said Commissioner Kevin Cramer. "The complete application is also on our PSC website at www.psc.state.nd.us"

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