

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Ashtabula Wind, LLC  
Electric Generation/Wind-Barnes County  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-08-32**

**Ashtabula Wind, LLC  
230 kV Electric Transmission Line Barnes County  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-08-73**

**NOTICE OF FILINGS AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

**April 4, 2008**

On March 24, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-32, Ashtabula Wind, LLC filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 200 MW Ashtabula Wind Energy Center consisting of 133 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Barnes County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map. The Commission finds the application is complete.

Also on March 24, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-73, Ashtabula Wind, LLC filed an application for a waiver or reduction of procedures and time schedules and a consolidated application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit authorizing construction of approximately 9.5 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities extending from the proposed Ashtabula Wind Energy Center to an interconnection to be established near Pillsbury, North Dakota. Ashtabula Wind, LLC filed revised applications on April 2, 2008. The proposed transmission line corridor and route are shown on the attached map. The Commission finds the revised applications are complete conditioned on Ashtabula Wind, LLC filing a map detailing actual proposed transmission line structure locations on or before April 25, 2008.

Ashtabula Wind, LLC requests the Commission waive or reduce procedures and time schedules set forth in North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit and hold one consolidated hearing for the certificate of site compatibility in conjunction with a hearing for the corridor certificate and route permit. The Commission denies the request for one consolidated hearing, but recognizes the merits of holding the site hearing following the transmission line hearing at the same location. Therefore, hearings are scheduled as follows:

**A Public Hearing** on the application for a waiver and consolidated application for transmission line corridor and route filed in Case No. PU-08-73 is scheduled to begin **May 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Valley City Auditorium, 320 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND 58072.**

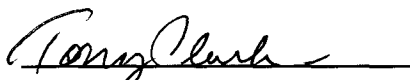
A **Public Hearing** on the application for a certificate of site compatibility filed in Case No. PU-08-32 is scheduled to begin **May 2, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. CDT in the Valley City Auditorium, 320 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND 58072.**

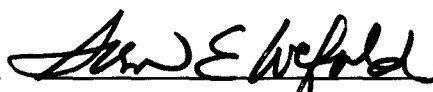
The issues to be considered in these proceedings are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive procedures and time schedules as requested, including the request for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit?

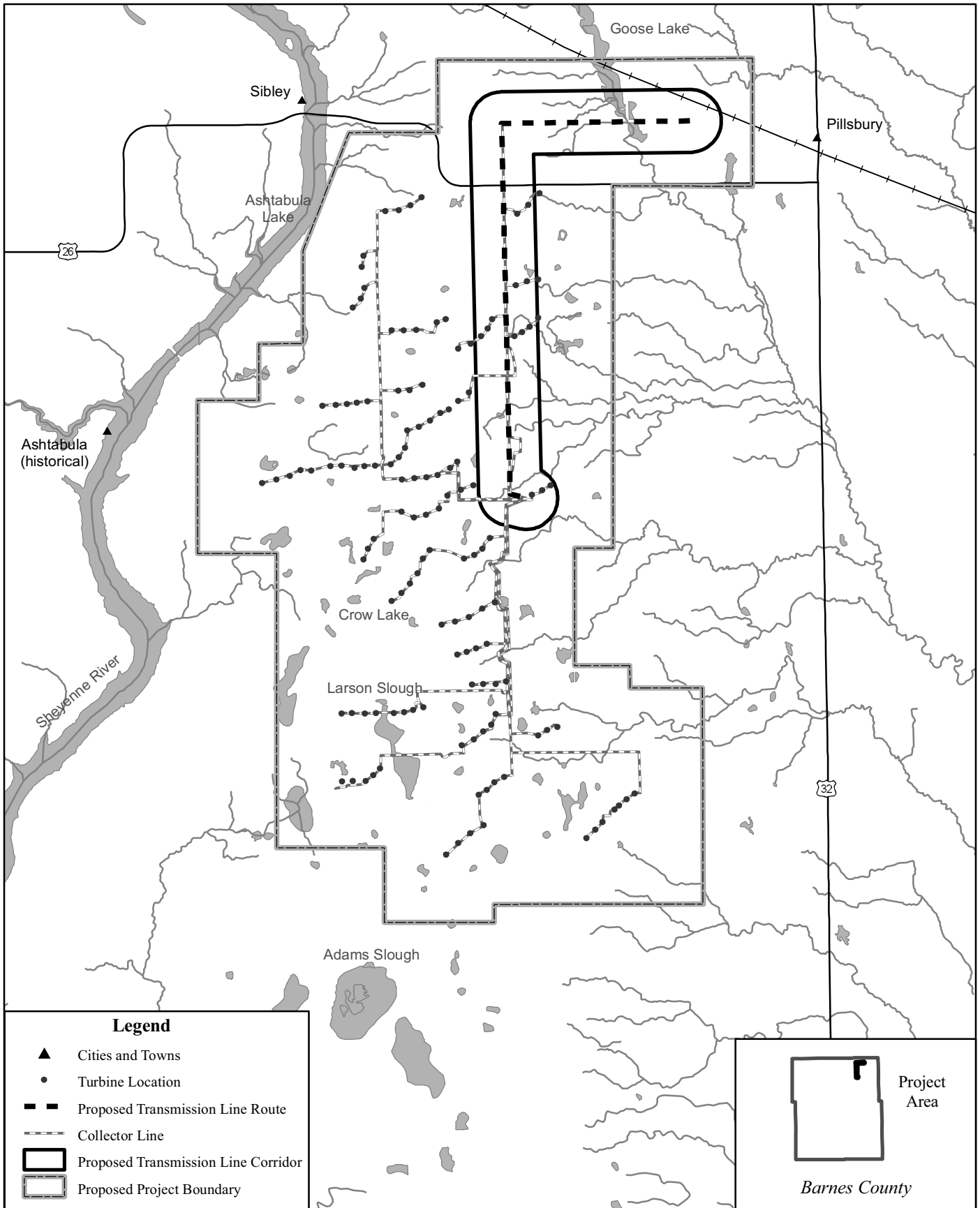
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Director, at least 24 hours in advance.

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April 2008

**General Location Map and Study Area  
Ashtabula Wind Farm and Transmission Line  
Barnes County, North Dakota**