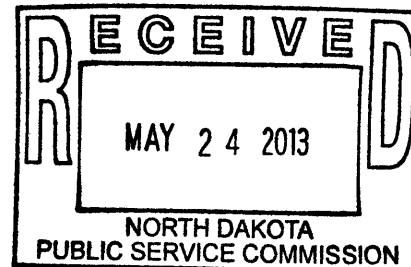


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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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Re: Tree/Shrub Replacement Plan Update for ND PSC Case No. PU-08-75  
(Basin Electric Power Cooperative – PrairieWinds ND1).

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding the Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) tree and shrub replacement plan for the referenced project.

The tree and shrub replacement plan for the project was approved by the PSC in 2012. At a replacement ratio of 2:1, approximately 2,668 trees and shrubs were required for replanting. Two large NRCS plantings totaling 2,343 trees and shrubs were completed in 2012. Basin Electric has been working with the NRCS to fund the additional planting of at least 400 trees and shrubs in Ward County.

Basin Electric will provide funding to the NRCS to plant approximately 400-500 trees and shrubs during the spring 2013 planting season at the Boy Scout Camp located west of Minot in Section 17, Township 155 North, Range 83 West (an area previously affected by Souris River flooding). The NRCS planting plan includes 70 Common Lilac, 28 Northern Hackberry, 28 Amur Maple, 176 Caragana, 44 Siouxland Cottonwood, 44 Scotch Pine, and 27 Ponderosa Pine. The planting numbers are approximate, and may be adjusted slightly based on conditions encountered in the field.

Please contact me at 701.557.5495 or [ksolie@bepc.com](mailto:ksolie@bepc.com) if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Solie".

Kevin L. Solie  
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Update regarding tree and shrub replacement plan