

closed roads is high and the penalty for driving around barricades should be as well. The House Transportation Committee heard the bill on Thursday last week, but took no action.

On Friday, the House approved a bill that has drawn the attention of media and activists alike. SB 2367, also known as the divorce bill, was originally a bill that proposed requiring married couples to wait one year after filing and attend ten hour-long counseling sessions before they could become legally divorced. However, after a blitz of media attention and passionate testimony in committee, the Senate amended the bill to become a study of divorce reform and education. The bill passed the House 71-20.

Passed in the House last week on Friday with the full support of the House Democratic Caucus, HB 2265 is a proposal that would allow the state, cities, counties and local political subdivisions to purchase services from work activity centers

proposed in the Senate. Recently, a newly formed group created a chapter of the Wounded Warrior Project in the Killdeer area. Their organization says they do intend to put together a hunt in North Dakota in the future.

The House took action on Monday on SB 2169, which proposes that legislative council record the audio of floor sessions and keep archives of the recordings. The bill was approved by the Senate earlier this session, but it was amended in the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. Prior to the House amendments, the bill stated that the Senate and House shall adopt rules regarding the according of floor session. After the bill was amended shall was replaced with may, making the recording of floor sessions an option instead of a required procedure. The House approved the amendments on a 65-26 vote, with the Dem-NPL caucus voting against them. Proponents of the original bill feel the amended version has

nursing home assistance. Opponents of the measure say the governor's budget already increases funding for senior centers and some point it may be necessary to stop increases over the governor budget. The bill has a \$1.6 million fiscal note for the biennium. The House Finance and Taxation Committee has not taken action on the bill yet.

An amendment that would have lowered North Dakota's oil tax gradually from 11.5 percent to 10 percent was rejected by the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee on Monday. The amendment was introduced as a hoghouse, or complete rewrite, of HB 1467 last week. Although there has been some talk throughout the session about simplifying the state's oil taxes, there seemed to be very little interest in the committee to use the method suggested by the amendments. No committee member made a motion to adopt the amendments to the bill, meaning they were not adopted and the

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
enXco Development Corporation  
Merricourt Wind Power Project  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-08-932

## NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

March 18, 2011

On October 6, 2010, enXco Development Corporation filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 150 MW Merricourt Wind Power Project consisting of up to 100 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Dickey and McIntosh Counties of North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

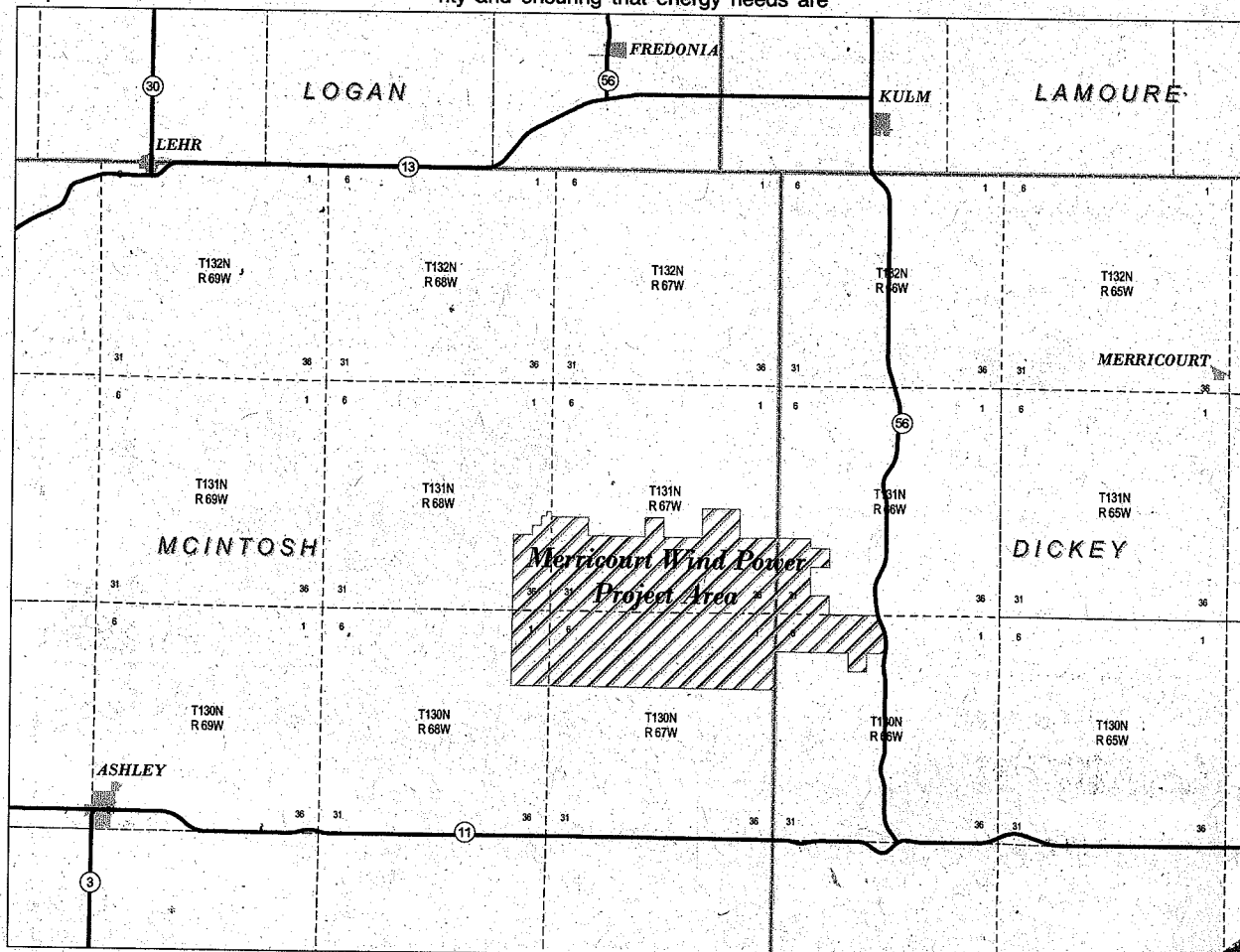
A Public Hearing on the application is scheduled to begin on April 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. CDT at the Dickey County Courthouse, 309 2nd St, Ellendale, ND 58436. The issues to be considered are:

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?

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 the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

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