

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Allete, Inc.
Bison 1 Wind Project – Oliver / Morton Counties
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-09-151

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

July 8, 2009

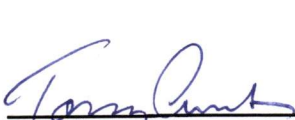
On May 12, 2009, Minnesota Power, an operating division of Allete, Inc., (Allete) filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 76 MW Bison 1 Wind Project consisting of up to 33 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Morton and Oliver Counties, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map. The Commission finds the application is complete conditioned on the filing of final wind turbine locations on or before August 18, 2009.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **August 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. CT, at the Sunset Inn, 1305-8th St. N., New Salem, North Dakota.** 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?

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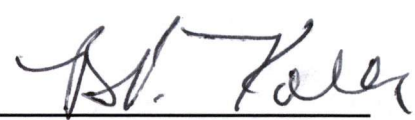
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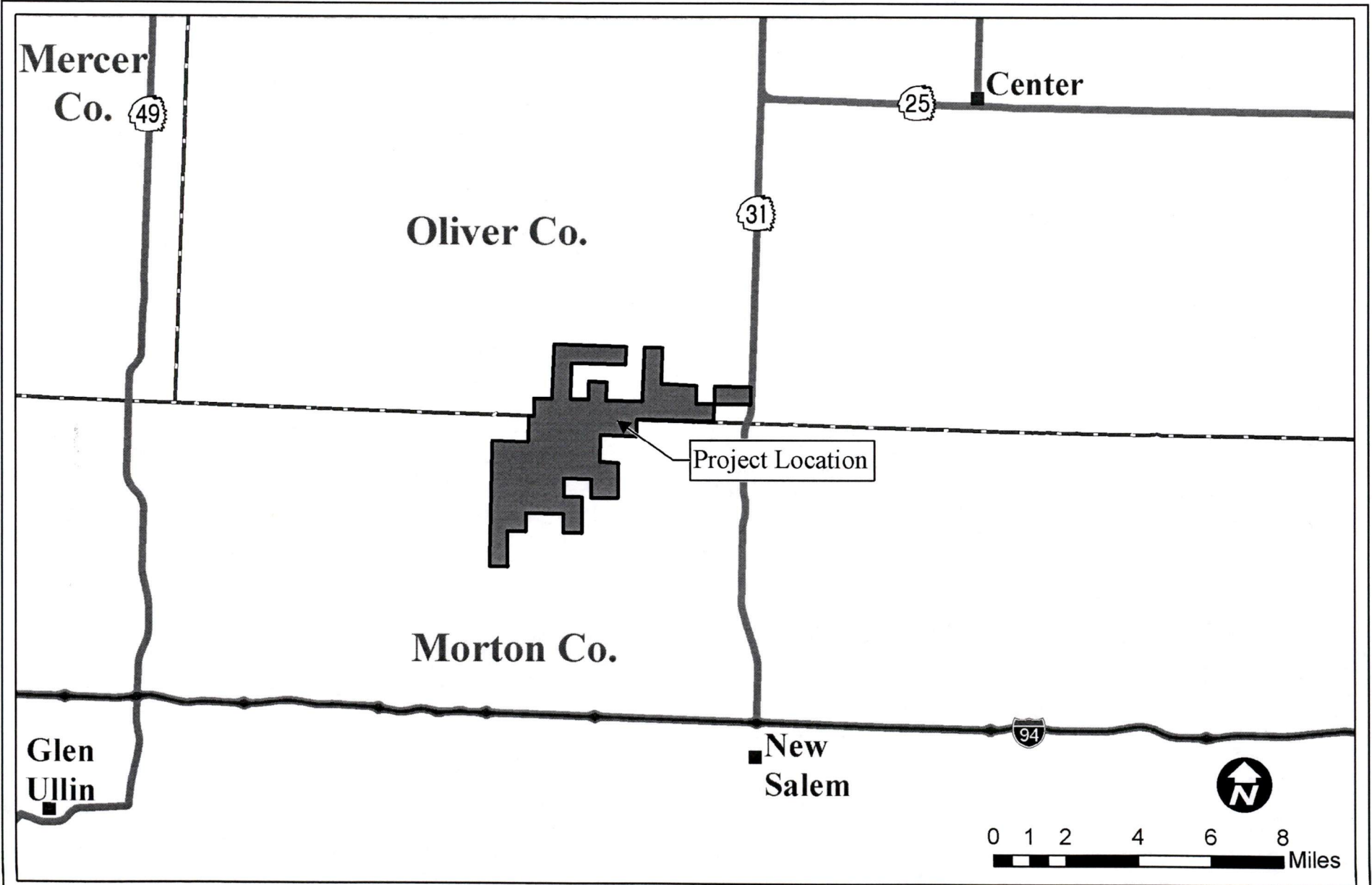


Figure 1: Project Location
Bison I Wind Project
Minnesota Power
Morton & Oliver Counties, ND