

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Allete, Inc.  
Bison 2 Wind Project- Oliver & Morton Counties  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-11-57

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Cara DeSaye** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **19<sup>th</sup>** day of **May, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing**

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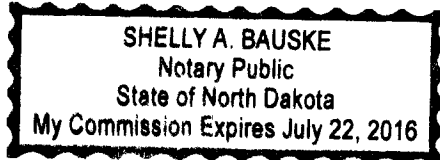
David Moeller  
Allete, Inc.  
30 West Superior Street  
Duluth MN 55802-2093

**Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 4840**

The address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **19<sup>th</sup>** day of **May, 2011**.

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*Cara DeSaye*  
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*Shelly A Bauske*  
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Notary Public

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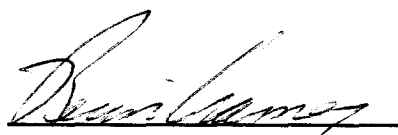
On April 6, 2011, Minnesota Power, an operating division of Allete, Inc., (Allete) filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 105 MW Bison 2 Wind Project consisting of 35 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Morton and Oliver Counties, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **July 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. CDT, at the Oliver County Courthouse, 11 West Main, Center, North Dakota 58530.** The issues to be considered are:

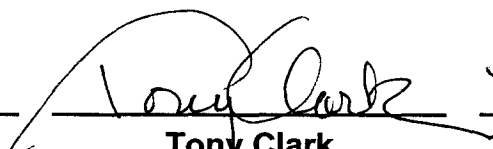
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will 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.

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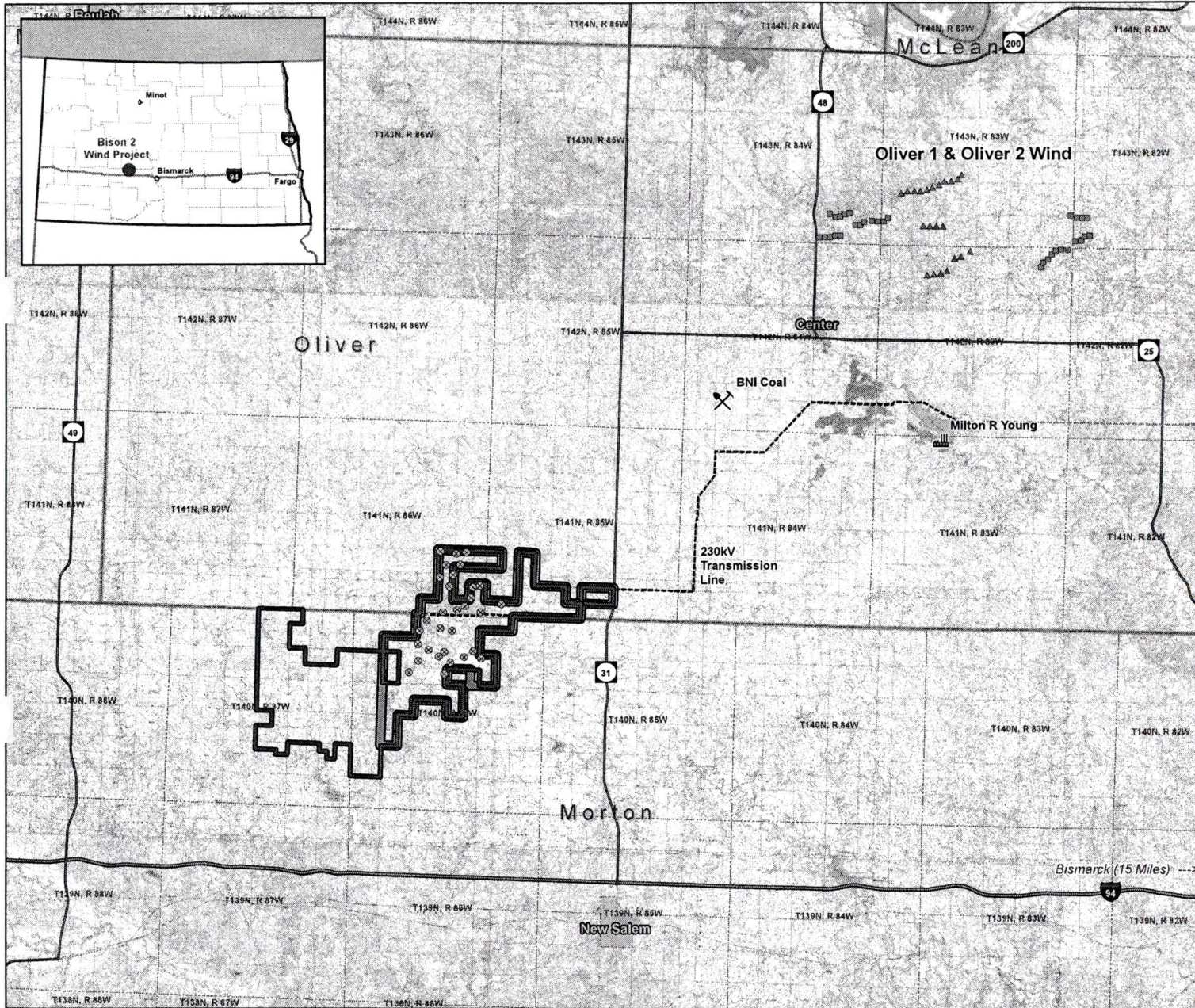
**Kevin Cramer  
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark  
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner**



- ⊗ Bison 1 Turbine Location
- ▲ Oliver 1 Wind Project Turbine Location
- Oliver 2 Wind Project Turbine Location
- ⚡ BNI Coal Mine
- ⚡ Milton R. Young Generation Station
- 230kV Transmission Line
- DC Transmission Line
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- ⬢ Preliminary Bison 2 Project Boundary
- ⬢ Bison 1 Project Boundary
- ⬢ Municipality
- ⬢ County Boundary

Data Sources:  
 Turbines, Project Boundary - Minnesota Power  
 Roads, Administrative Boundaries - ND DOT  
 Topo Map - USGS DRG

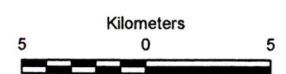
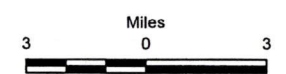


Exhibit 1

STUDY AREA SELECTION MAP  
 Bison 2 Wind Project  
 Minnesota Power  
 Morton & Oliver Counties, North Dakota