

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Allete, Inc.
Bison 3 Wind Project – Oliver-Morton Counties
Siting Application

Case No. PU-11-162

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing


The envelope was addressed as follows:

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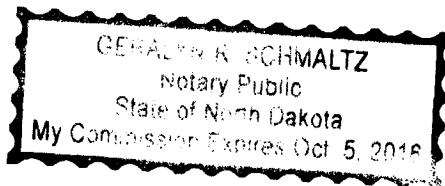
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **11th** day of **August, 2011**.





Notary Public

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August 10, 2011

On July 7, 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 3 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 **September 15, 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:

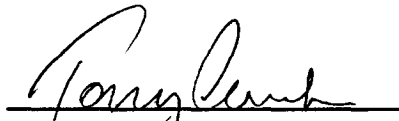
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will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

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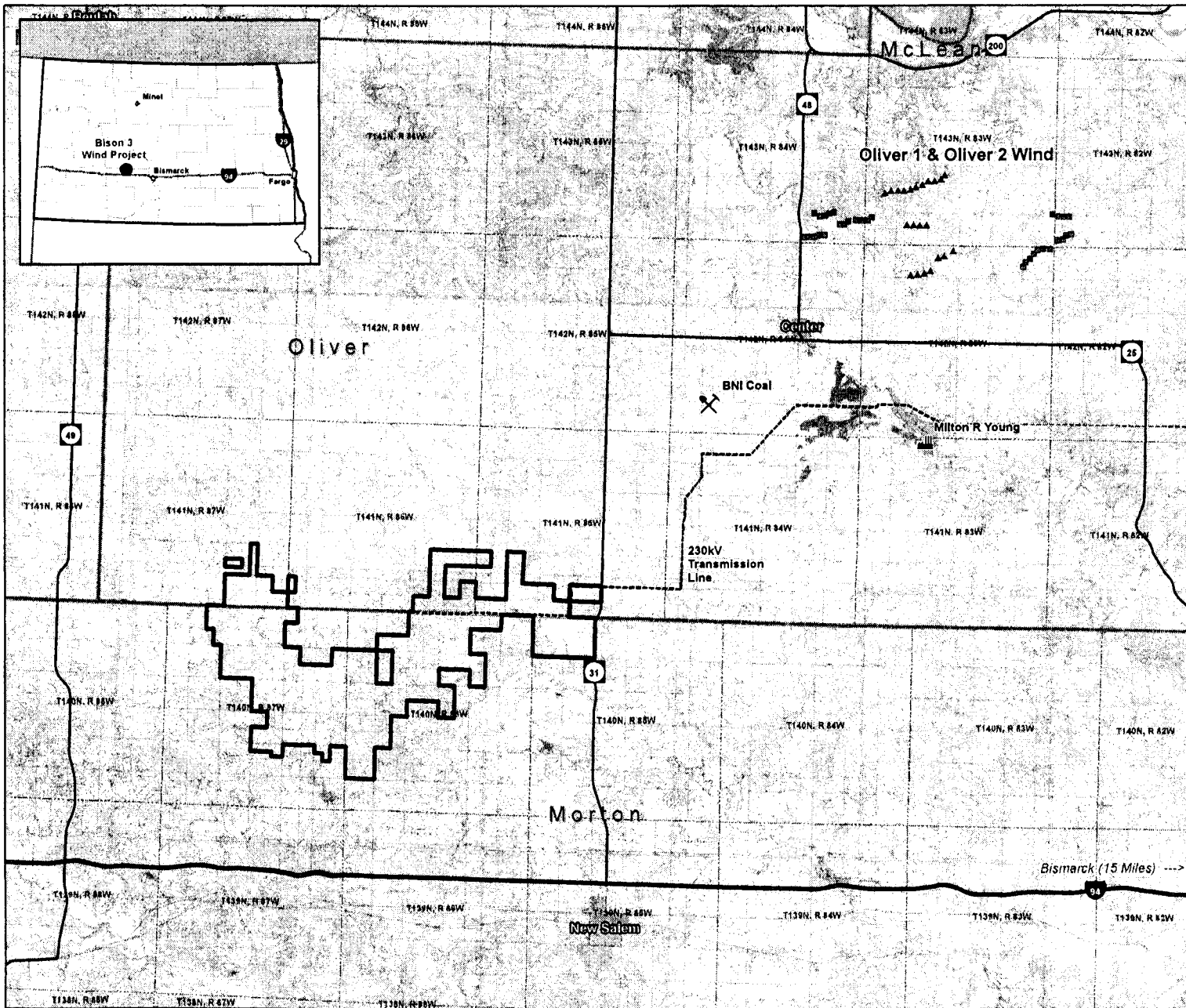
**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**



- ▲ 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 3 Project Boundary
- ⬭ Municipality
- ⬭ County Boundary

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

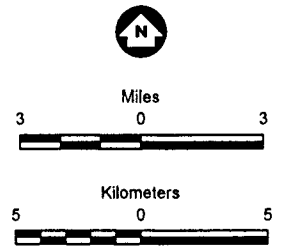


Exhibit 1
 PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP
 Bison 3 Wind Project
 Minnesota Power
 Morton & Oliver Counties, North Dakota