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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 Oliver Wind III, LLC
 Case No. PU-11-561
 48 MW Wind Energy Center -
 Morton County
 Siting Application
 NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING
 AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
 FOR HEARING
 September 27, 2012**

On September 19, 2012, Oliver Wind III, LLC filed an application for an amendment to Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 27 issued March 12, 2012 to authorize construction of the 48 MW Oliver III Wind Energy Center in Morton County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map. The amendment would change several turbine locations within the approved project area to enable the use of turbines with larger blade diameters. The issues to be considered in this proceeding 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?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by November 6, 2012. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

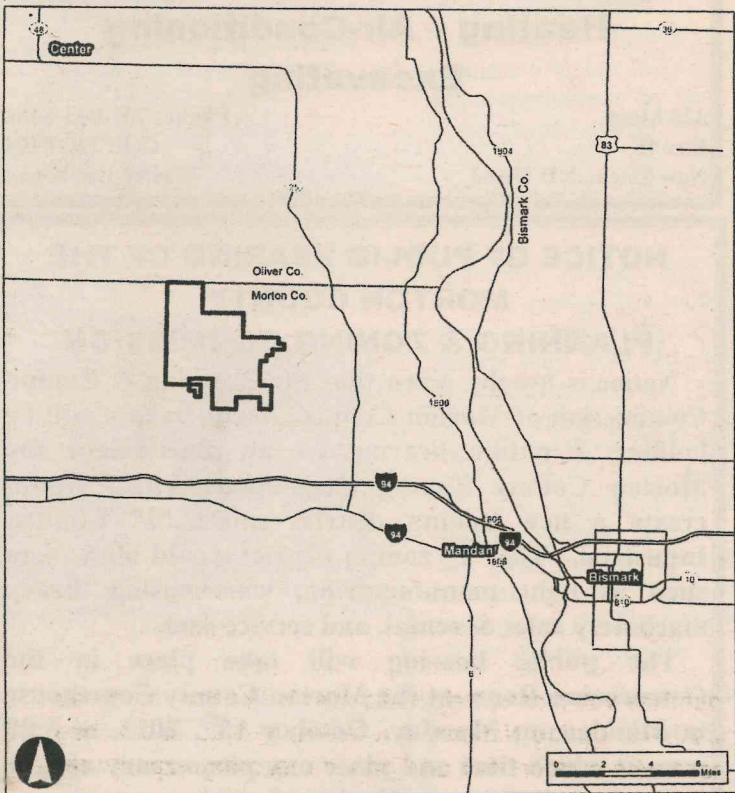
An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on October 24, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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| <p>Oliver Wind III Energy Center MORTON COUNTY, ND</p> <p>Figure 1. Project Location</p> <p>AUGUST 1 2012</p> <p>Scale 1:250,000</p> | <p>Project Area</p> <p>Interstate</p> <p>Highway</p> <p>Major Road</p> <p>Local Road</p> <p>Populated Place</p> <p>County Boundary</p> <p>Source: ESRI Data</p> | <p>OVERVIEW MAP</p> |
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