

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Allete, Inc.**  
**230 kV Transmission Line – Mercer, Morton, Oliver**  
**Counties**  
**Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-11-620**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE REGULAR, INSIDE, OR ELECTRONIC MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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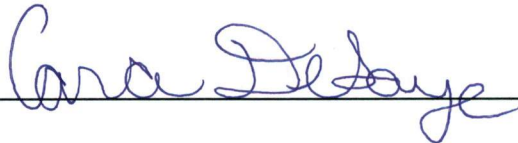
she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **24<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, 11 envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, 7 envelopes by inside mail, all securely sealed and each containing a photocopy, and 12 addressees electronically mailed a copy of:

**Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing**

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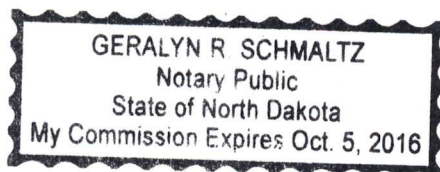
Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

  
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**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
January 18, 2012**

On November 14, 2011, Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc., filed applications for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to authorize construction of approximately 11 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Mercer, Morton and Oliver Counties of North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Minnesota Power requests the Commission waive procedures and time schedules set forth in North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit and to hold a combined hearing on the waiver request and application for corridor certificate and route permit.

**A Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **March 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CST, at the Oliver County Court House, 115 Main Street, Center, North Dakota 58530.** The issues to be considered are:

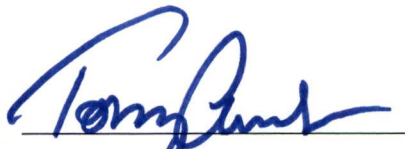
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will 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?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive procedures and time schedules as requested, including the request for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit?

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.

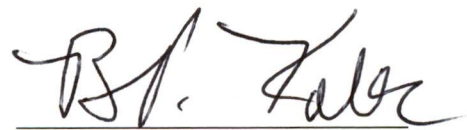
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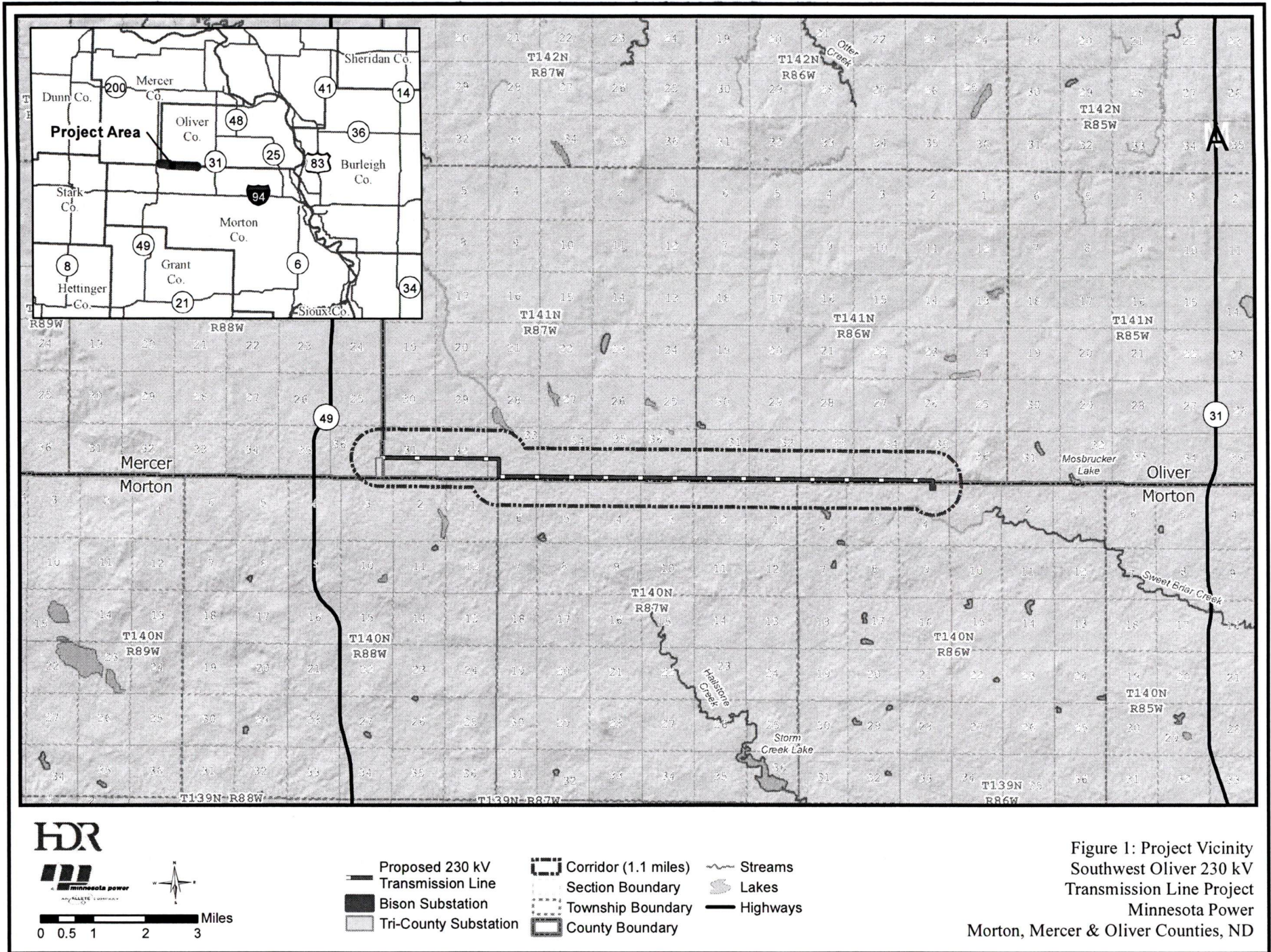


Figure 1: Project Vicinity  
 Southwest Oliver 230 kV  
 Transmission Line Project  
 Minnesota Power  
 Morton, Mercer & Oliver Counties, ND