

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ALETE Clean Energy, Inc.  
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc – Mercer & Morton  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-11-662**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**March 21, 2012**

On January 31, 2012, ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc. filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of its proposed Clean Energy #1 Wind Project consisting of up to 100 MW of wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Mercer and Morton Counties of North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

**A Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin on **April 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. CDT at the City Commission Meeting Room, 205 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554.** 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, at least 24 hours in advance.

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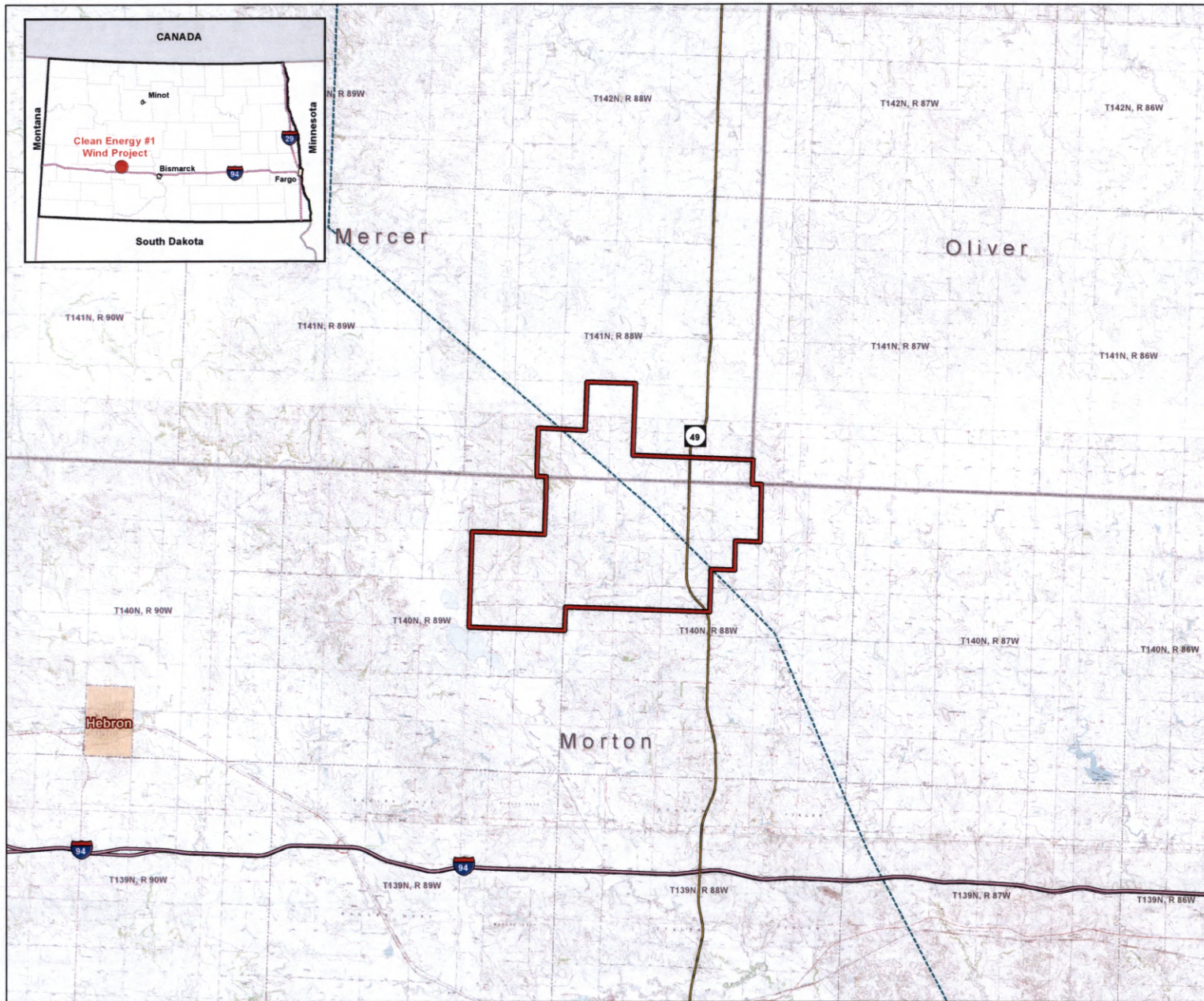
**Kevin Cramer  
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark  
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner**



-  Transmission Line
-  State Highway
-  Interstate Highway
-  Preliminary Project Boundary
-  Municipality
-  County Boundary

Data Sources:  
 Project Boundary - Allete Clean Energy  
 Transmission Line - Barr Engineering  
 Roads, Administrative Boundaries - ND DOT  
 Topo Map - USGS DRG

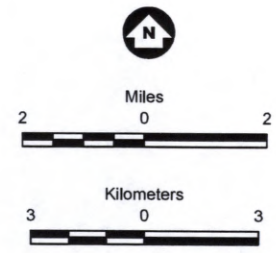


Exhibit 1  
 PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP  
 Clean Energy #1 Wind Project  
 Allete Clean Energy  
 Morton & Mercer Counties, North Dakota