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Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345/230 kV Transmission Line – Williams County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-11-692
OAH File No. 20120085

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

March 9, 2012

On January 20, 2012, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed applications for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to authorize construction of approximately 2.1 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and approximately 1.6 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Basin Electric 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 at **10:00 a.m. CT on April 10, 2012, at the Williams County Courthouse, 205 East Broadway, Williston, North Dakota 58801**. 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.

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By: 

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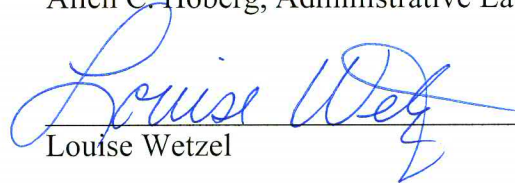
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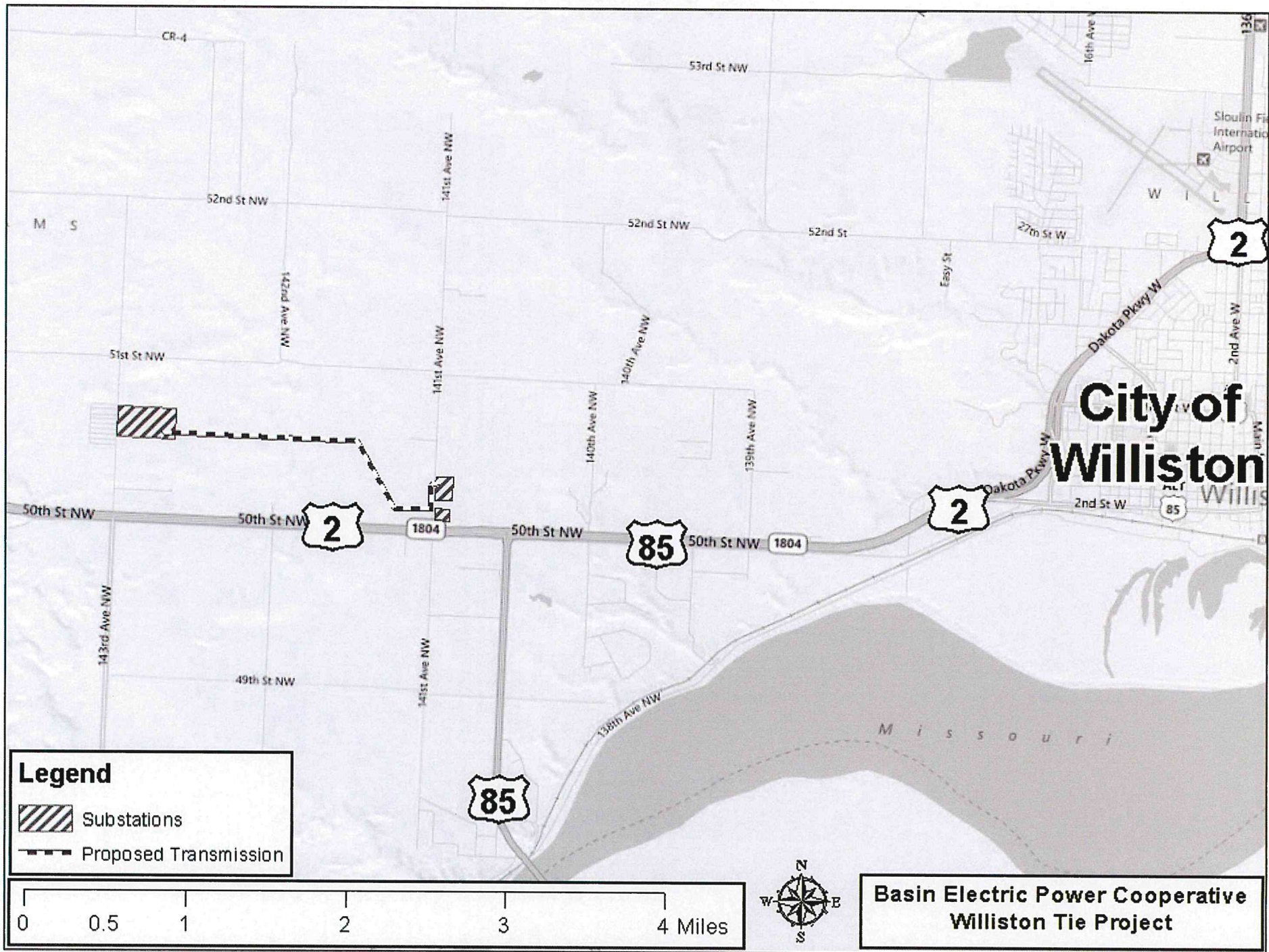
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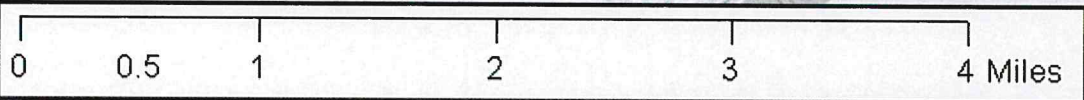
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