

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345 kV Trans. Line - Mercer,Dunn,McKenzie,Williams
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-11-696

**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
August 4, 2014**

On April 23, 2014 the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 152 and Route Permit No. 164 to Basin Electric Power Cooperative authorizing approximately 197 miles of 345 kV and 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities extending from the Antelope Valley Station (AVS) near Beulah to the Neset Substation near Tioga, North Dakota.

On July 23, 2014 Basin Electric filed an amendment to its applications for corridor and route requesting modifications at four locations along the approved corridor and route as indicated on the attached map and described below:

1. T145N, R88W, Sections 14-16 and 21-23 in Mercer County: Several transmission lines entering the Antelope Valley Station (AVS) substation are proposed to be reconfigured and rerouted. An existing AVS to Charlie Creek 345 kV line and an existing AVS to Broadland 345/500 kV line would be relocated and double circuited for approximately two miles along the previously approved AVS to Neset 345 kV corridor and route in the S1/2 of sections 14-16. That two mile segment of the new AVS to Neset 345 kV corridor and route would be shifted south to the existing AVS to Broadland right-of-way through the N1/2 of sections 21-23 before proceeding north through section 16 where it is double circuited for approximately 3/4 mile with the rerouted existing AVS to Charlie Creek 345 kV line. Also, the entrance into the AVS substation for an existing AVS to Leland Olds Station 345 kV line would be shifted slightly south.
2. T147N, R99W, Sections 13 and 24 in McKenzie County: Realignment of approximately 2,100 feet of the approved corridor and route, shifting further east of Highway 85 a maximum of 300 feet to accommodate US Forest Service request.
3. T151N, R100W, Sections 5,8,9,10,1,15,16,22,26 and 27 in McKenzie County: Realignment of approximately three miles of the approved corridor and route, shifting approximately 1/2 mile west from the previous alignment.
4. T153N, R101W, Section 6 in McKenzie County: A slight westward adjustment of approximately 3/4 mile of the approved corridor and route on the south side of the Missouri River crossing to accommodate ND Game & Fish request.


The Commission finds Basin Electric's amendment to its applications complete. Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by

September 2, 2014. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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

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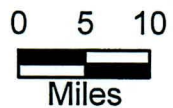
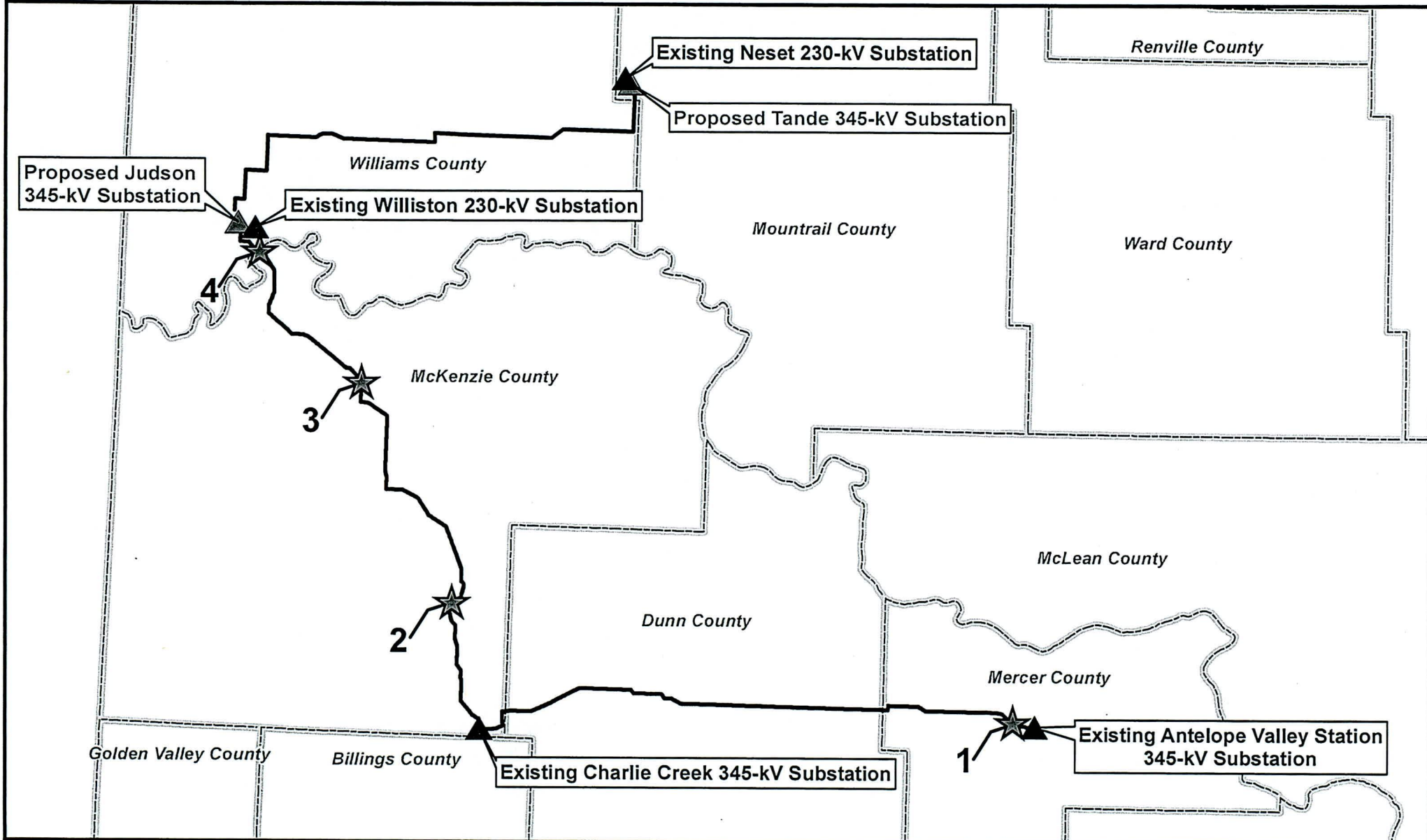
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Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner



LEGEND

- ▲ Existing Substation
- ▲ Proposed Substation
- Revised Route - July 2014
- ▭ County Boundary
- ★ Route Change Location

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
 Antelope Valley Station to Nenet
 345-kV Transmission Project
 Route Change Map