

**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

January 21, 2015

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 December 23, 2014, Basin Electric filed an amendment requesting corridor and route modifications in T151N, R100W, Sections 26 & 27 to avoid a new oil/gas well and connect to the future Patent Gate 345/115 kV Substation in McKenzie County as indicated on the attached map.

On January 8, 2015, Basin Electric filed an additional amendment proposing the addition of a new 345/115 kV substation (Roundup Substation) in T145N, R95W, S3 in Dunn County, North Dakota as indicated on the attached map.

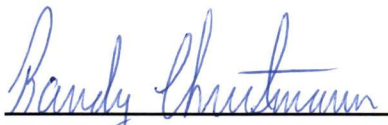
The Commission finds Basin Electric's amendments to its applications complete. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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?

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 March 2, 2015. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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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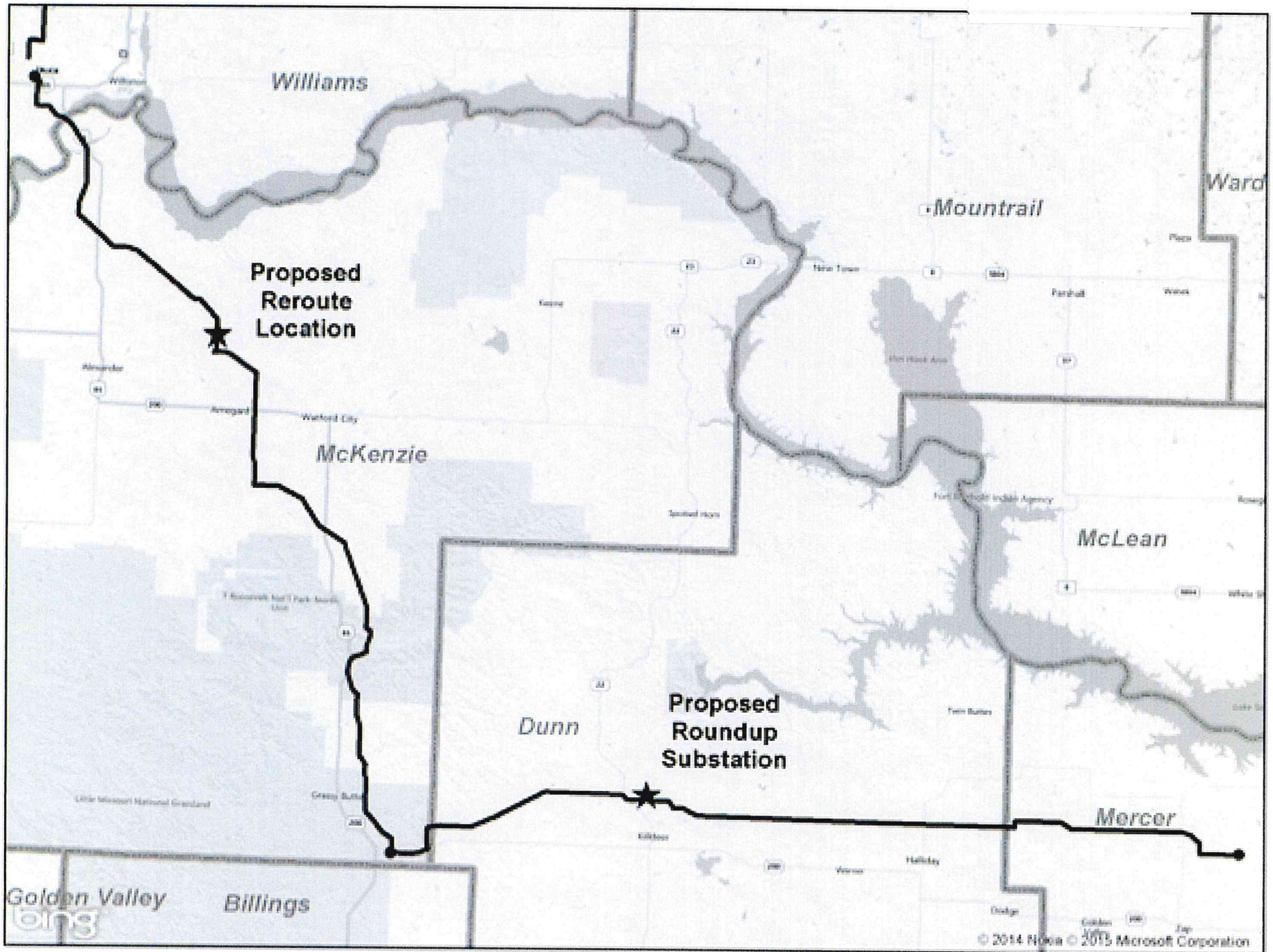
**Randy Christmann
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Proposed Reroute Location

Proposed Roundup Substation