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2 January 2013

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Pioneer Generation Station - Williams County
PU-12-509
Siting Application

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. The hearing on the application is scheduled to begin on 7 February 2013 at 10:30 a.m. CST at the Williston City Hall, 22 East Broadway, Williston, North Dakota. A copy of the Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing is enclosed.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge and the hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure
c: w/encl. Casey Jacobson

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Pioneer Generation Station – Williams County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-12-509

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

December 21, 2012

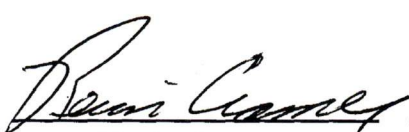
On October 15, 2012, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of two new 45 MW natural gas fired simple cycle combustion turbine generators to be located adjacent to the 45 MW turbine generator currently under construction at the Pioneer Generating station in Williams County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin on **February 7, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. CST at the Williston City Hall, 22 East Broadway, Williston, ND 58802**. 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.

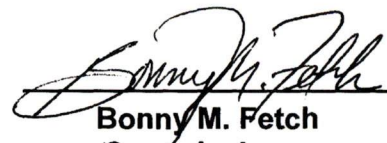
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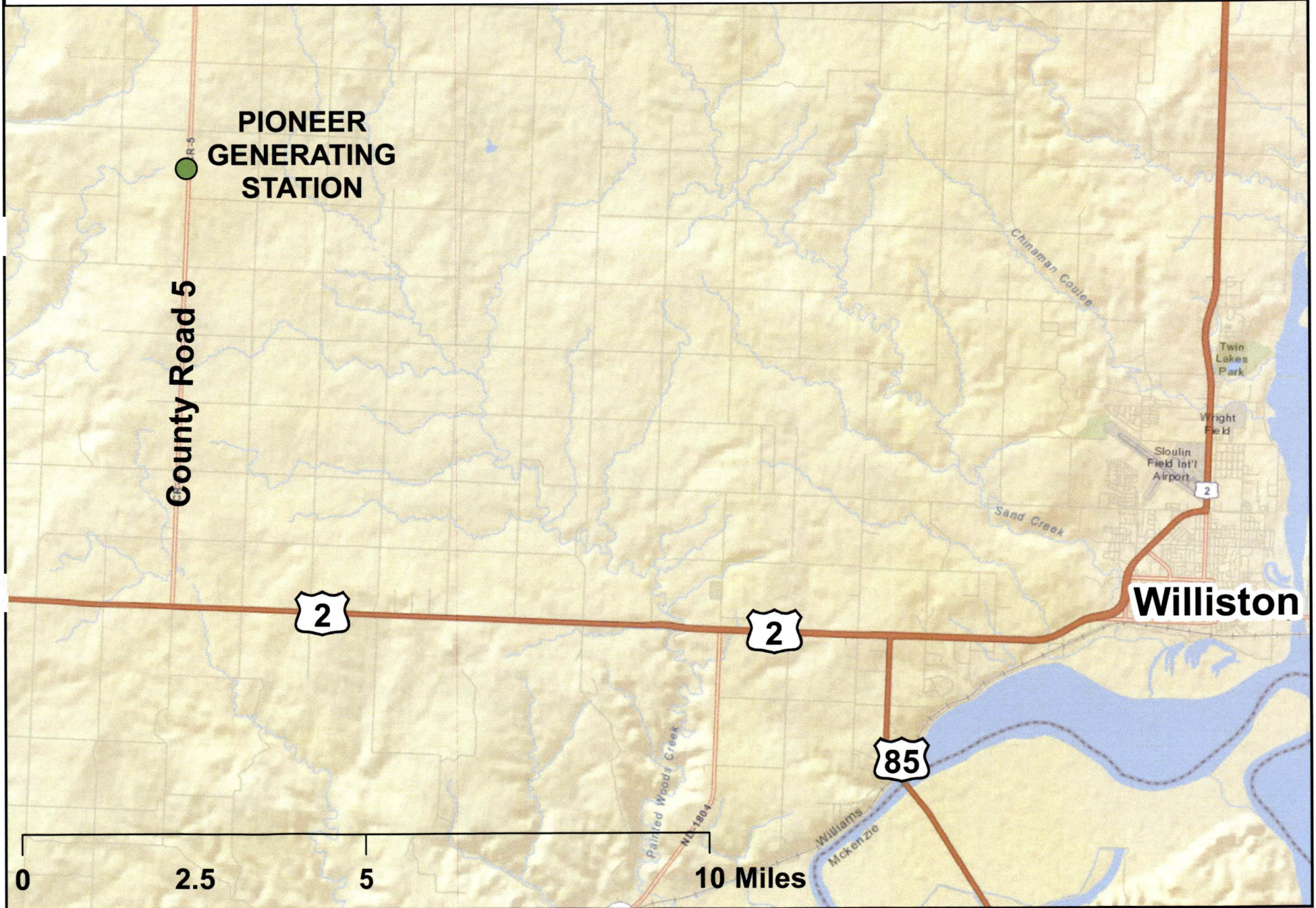


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Commissioner**

Pioneer Generating Station





REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Pioneer Generation Station - Williams County
 Siting Application, PU-12-509

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed an Application for waiver of procedures and consolidated certificate of site compatibility. See the attached Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing for issue considerations.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The hearing on the application is scheduled to begin on 7 February 2013 at 10:30 a.m. CST at the Williston City Hall, 22 East Broadway, Williston, North Dakota.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 1/2/2013
Signature of Requesting Person X	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 2 January 2013

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
 Pioneer Generation Station - Williams County
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