



Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

On behalf of Western Area Power Administration (Western), this letter announces the release of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Sunflower Wind Project (Project). The Project involves the potential construction of an approximately 110-MW wind generating facility that includes up to 59 turbines, an underground power collection system, substation, access roads, and a maintenance and operation center. The Project would produce up to 438,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year, which would enter the grid through an interconnection with Western's Dickinson to Mandan 230-kV transmission line inside the Project Area.

This letter also serves as notice of a 30-day comment period on the EA. The comment period will begin on May 19, 2014, and run through June 20, 2014. The EA is available from Western's web site, at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/Environment/default.htm>, or you may request a copy by contacting Western directly. Western has preparing this EA in order to comply with its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires Western to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action. NEPA also requires that federal agencies seek public, agency and tribal input on proposed projects.

The Project will be located to the south of Hebron and west of Glen Ullin in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota, including portions of the following sections:

- Township 139N, Range 90W:
 - Sections 19, 20, 21, 26 through 34;
 - South ½ Sections 18, 22, 23;
 - West ½ Section 35;
- Township 139N, Range 91W:
 - Sections 25, 26, 35, 36
- Township 138N, Range 90W:
 - Section 5;
 - North ½ Section 6;
- Township 138N, Range 91W:
 - North ½ Section 1

The location of the project is shown in the attached figure.



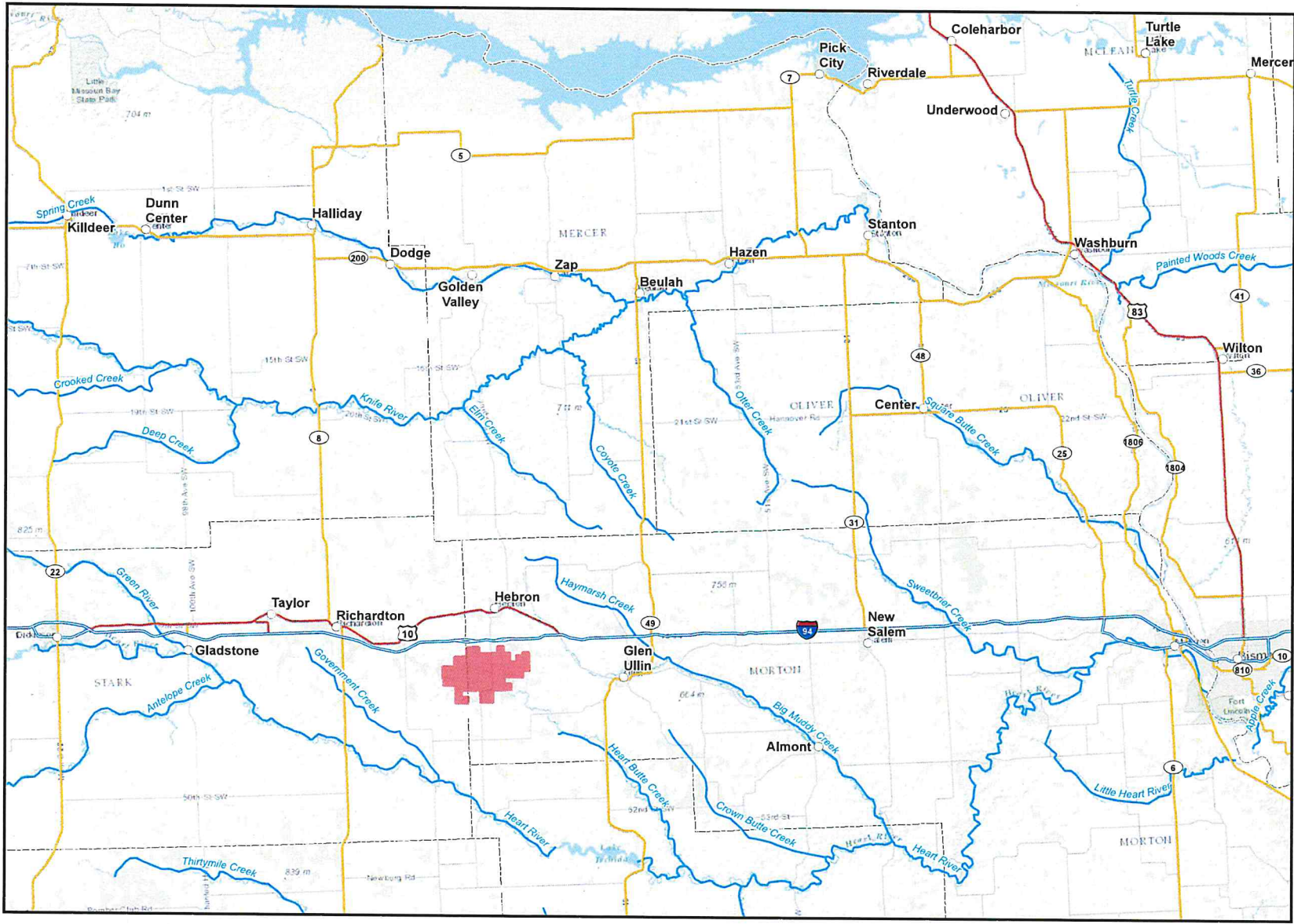
Comments or requests for the EA may be submitted by letter to Western at the above address, by phone at (406) 255-2812 or by e-mail to Lou Hanebury at hanebury@wapa.gov. Please refer to the Sunflower Wind Project in your correspondence. Send all comments by close of business June 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dale W Bennett

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Project Manager

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Sunflower Wind Project Environmental Assessment

Figure 1
Project Location

Morton and Stark Counties, ND
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- Project Area
- County Boundary
- Existing Transmission Line (Over 230 kV)
- Railroad
- Interstate Highway
- Federal Highway
- State Highway
- Stream or River
- City/Town

