



June 30, 2014

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Rolette Power Development, LLC's Ten Year Plan for 2014-2024
Case No. PU-14-_____**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of the following documents:

1. Rolette Power Development, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2014-2024;
2. Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan: 2014-2024; and
3. Affidavit of Service.

Electronic copies of the enclosed documents were filed with the Commission today via e-mail. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Warren Enyart

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TEN YEAR PLAN: 2014-2024
Rolette Power Development, LLC

June 2014

In accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Rolette Power Development, LLC (“Rolette Power”), submits the following Ten Year Plan for years 2013 through 2023.

- (1) A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.

Rolette Power is a North Dakota limited liability company, and is owned jointly by M-Power, LLC, and Border Power, LLC, also North Dakota limited liability companies. Rolette Power plans to develop an energy conversion facility that will be known as the Rolette Wind Energy Project (“Project”), which will be located in Rolette County, North Dakota, south and west of the City of Rolette, North Dakota. The maximum potential wind energy capacity for the area currently under wind development easements is estimated to be 100 megawatts (“MW”). The final output will depend upon the ultimate selection of the turbines to be sited. Rolette Power plans to begin construction of the initial phase of the Project before the end of 2014, with an anticipated in-service date in the Fourth Quarter of 2015.

The initial phase of the proposed Project will interconnect to the grid via one of several potential points of interconnection, but the specific point of interconnection has not yet been determined. A generation-outlet transmission facility (115 kilovolt (“kV”) or less) may need to be constructed in order to facilitate interconnection of the Project to the grid. The necessity for, location of and design details regarding such a transmission facility will be determined at a future date.

Rolette Power does not have any plans to construct, own or operate any generation or transmission facilities other than the Project. Rolette Power does not currently own or operate any facilities. As such, Rolette Power does not own or operate any facilities that will be removed from service during the next ten years.

- (2) An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.

As noted above, Rolette Power plans to pursue development of the above-referenced Project, and proposes to have the Project constructed and in-service by the Fourth Quarter of 2015. The proposed Project footprint is located south and west of the City of Rolette, North Dakota, in Rolette County. The development schedule for additional phases of the Project, if any, has not yet been determined.

Rolette Power has retained a qualified environmental consulting firm to evaluate the site selected for the proposed Project so as to ensure compliance with the exclusion and avoidance area criteria referenced in Section 49-22-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and identified in Chapter 69-06-08 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. A map depicting the study area for the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- (3) A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities so as to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.

Rolette Power has commissioned a study to determine which regional utilities may have a need for the wind energy capacity produced by the Project, and to identify various options for transmitting the Project's output from the Project site to the identified utilities' respective loads. The study will assist Rolette Power in identifying potential off-takers, as well as in its efforts to coordinate selection of the best option(s) for delivering the Project's output to the destination(s) designated by the ultimate off-taker(s).

Rolette Power has also initiated discussions with other parties who may potentially benefit from the Project, depending upon the ultimate transmission interconnection selection. In any of the scenarios currently under consideration, only relatively short transmission lines would be required between the wind farm collection substation and the point of interconnection to the transmission grid. All would be located within the targeted development area currently under wind development easements. When those discussions are finalized, Rolette Power will apply to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") for further study of the intended interconnection.

- (4) A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.

As noted above, Rolette Power has employed a qualified environmental consulting firm to conduct a study of and identify avoidance and exclusion areas within the potential Project site, in accordance with Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-08 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. In addition, the consultant is to identify any areas of concern that would need special attention during siting and/or facility construction. To date, no environmental or siting concerns have been identified that would preclude development within the study area.

Rolette Power has been in contact with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") and Rolette County officials, among others, regarding the proposed Project. Once Rolette Power's initial environmental studies have been completed, Rolette Power will contact the USFWS and Rolette County, as well as other federal, state and local agencies and governmental units, to discuss and seek additional input regarding the proposed Project.

- (5) A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.

Rolette Power plans to sell the energy produced by its proposed Project to one or more utilities that need additional renewable energy in order to comply with state and/or, if applicable, federal renewable energy standards and objectives.

In 2007, the North Dakota Legislature enacted a statutory provision adopting the national "25x25" initiative, which establishes a goal of having not less than twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed within the United States come from renewable resources by January 1, 2025.¹ North Dakota also has a statutory goal that ten percent of all electricity sold at retail within the state by the year 2015 be obtained from eligible renewable energy and recycled energy sources.² While North Dakota utilities are on track to meet their 2015 goals, additional renewable resources will be needed to meet the 25x25 initiative.

A regional need also exists for renewable energy produced in North Dakota. Eleven of the MISO states currently have renewable portfolio standards. MISO estimates that an additional nearly 48 million megawatt hours ("MWh") of renewables will need to be added by 2021 and approximately 55 million MWh will be needed by 2026 to meet the collective requirements of these standards.³ With respect to the utilities subject to the Minnesota renewable energy standard, collectively those utilities need approximately 850 MW of additional renewable capacity by 2025 to satisfy the Minnesota standard (without utilizing renewable energy credits), plus additional renewable energy capacity to satisfy their renewable energy requirements in other jurisdictions.⁴

Given Rolette Power's proximity to the MISO market, energy from Rolette Power's proposed Project may be utilized to meet the existing renewable energy needs of one or more utilities in the MISO region, as well as other utilities located in adjacent Regional Transmission Organizations ("RTO")/Independent System Operators ("ISO"), such as Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA"), Pennsylvania, Jersey Maryland Power Pool ("PJM"), or Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA").

Thus, the renewable energy produced by Rolette Power's proposed Project will help meet the significant regional need for renewable energy.

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¹ See N.D.C.C. § 17-01-01.

² See N.D.C.C. § 49-02-28.

³ MISO, *Multi Value Project Portfolio Results and Analysis* (Jan. 10, 2012), at 19.

⁴ *2013 Biennial Transmission Projects Report*, MPUC Docket No. E-999/M-13-402 (Nov. 1, 2013), at 111-18.

Proposed Rolette Wind Energy Project Project Study Area

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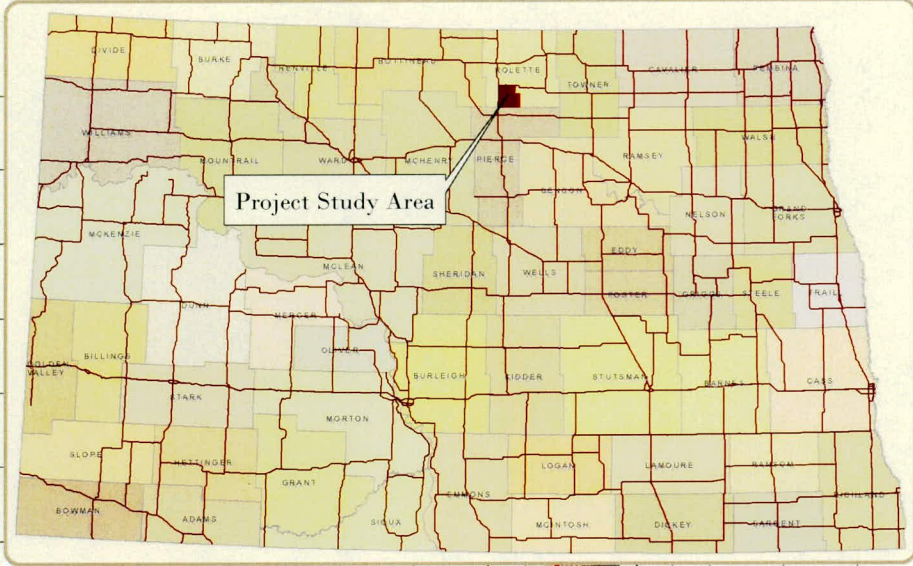
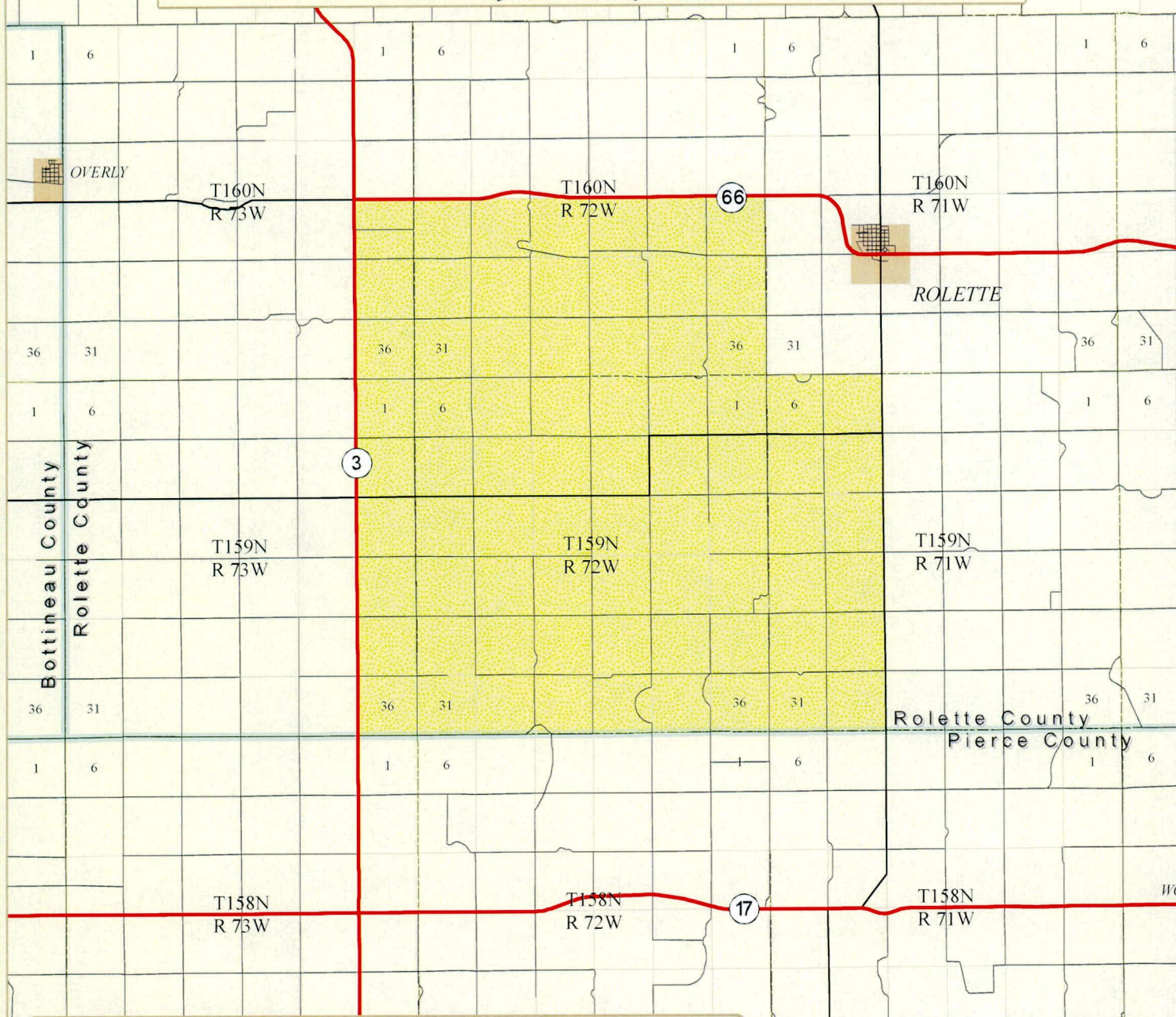



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Proposed Project Study Area



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-14-___

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN
YEAR PLAN BY ROLETTE POWER
DEVELOPMENT, LLC

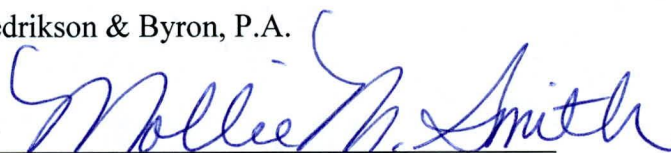
**NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN
2014-2024**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Rolette Power Development, LLC, in accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, filed a Ten Year Plan for the years 2014 through 2024 with the North Dakota Public Service Commission on June 30, 2014, and with the Rolette County Auditor on June 30, 2014, which discusses its proposed Rolette Wind Energy Project to be located in Rolette County, North Dakota.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2014.

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

By



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN: 2014-2024

was on the 30th day of June, 2014 served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission
P.O. Box 5020
Bismarck, ND 58502-5020

North Dakota Office of Attorney General
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Department 125
Bismarck, ND 58505

North Dakota Department of Agriculture
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

North Dakota Department of Health
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

Department of Human Services
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Department 325
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Department of Labor
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Department 406
Bismarck, ND 58505-0340

Department of Vocational Education
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State Capitol, 15th Floor
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Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

North Dakota Industrial Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0100

North Dakota Department of Transportation
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

State Historical Society of North Dakota
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission
State Capitol Building
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North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
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