

ROLETTE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Honorable Julie Fedorchak, Chairman  
Honorable Randy Christman, Member  
Honorable Brian P. Kalk, Member

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard, Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed Rolette area wind farm should have no effect on air traffic in and out of the Rolette City Airport. The airport is located approximately six miles due north from the northern boundary of the proposed wind farm footprint.

It has an improved landing strip and runway(s) to handle small and medium sized planes. The facility doesn't have electronic radio or communications devices.

In response to inquiries directed to the Federal Aeronautics Administration and the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. Both regulatory agencies have indicated they have no concerns.

Knowing the position(s) of the federal and state regulatory agencies, the Rolette Airport Authority concurs with them and offers no opposition to the proposed Rolette area wind farm project.

We fully support the project, and see this endeavor is an economic benefit to Rolette and the surrounding area.

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Eckerdt, Vice President  
Rolette Airport Authority

**From:** Alex Nisbet  
**To:** ["steven.seiler@nd.usda.gov"](mailto:steven.seiler@nd.usda.gov)  
**Subject:** Rolette Wind Power Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 3:25:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [PSC\\_REV\\_Project\\_Location.pdf](#)

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Steve,

On behalf of Rolette Power Development LLC., KLJ sent the NRCS a scoping letter for the proposed project approximately two years ago. A hearing with the PSC will be held on June 29th and we are reaching out to all agencies that provided us with responses to the original scoping package. I have provided a brief description of the project below and attached a project location map. We are reaching out to your agency to ensure that interested parties are informed of the proposed project and are given the opportunity to provide additional comments.

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Please let me know if your agency has any issues or concerns with the proposed project. After our initial call earlier today, I did confirm that there is no federal nexus for the proposed project. Therefore, an AD-1006 form will most likely not be necessary. Thank you for your time.

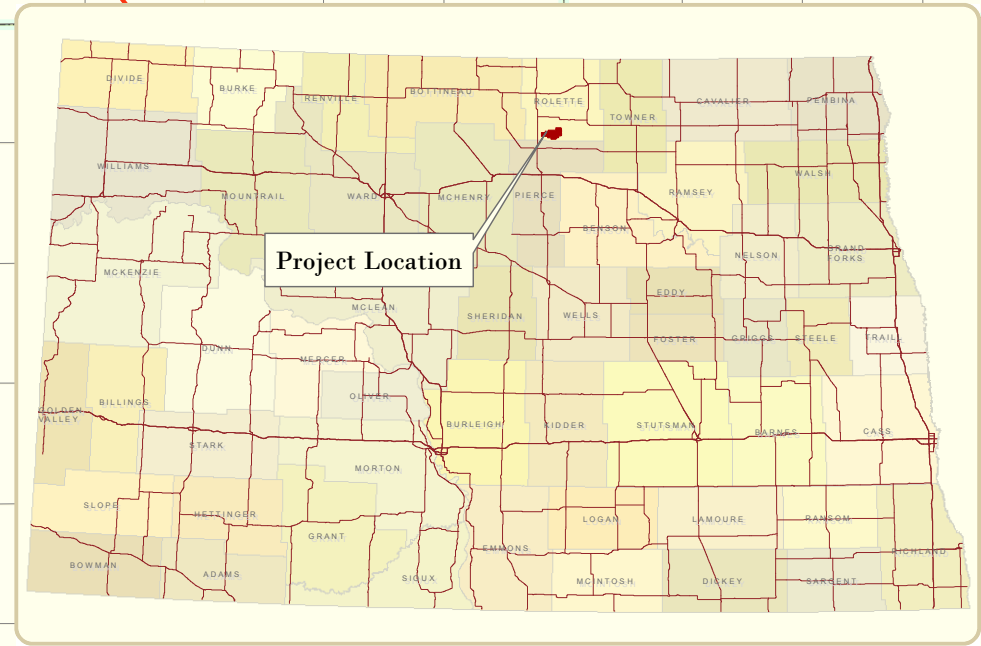
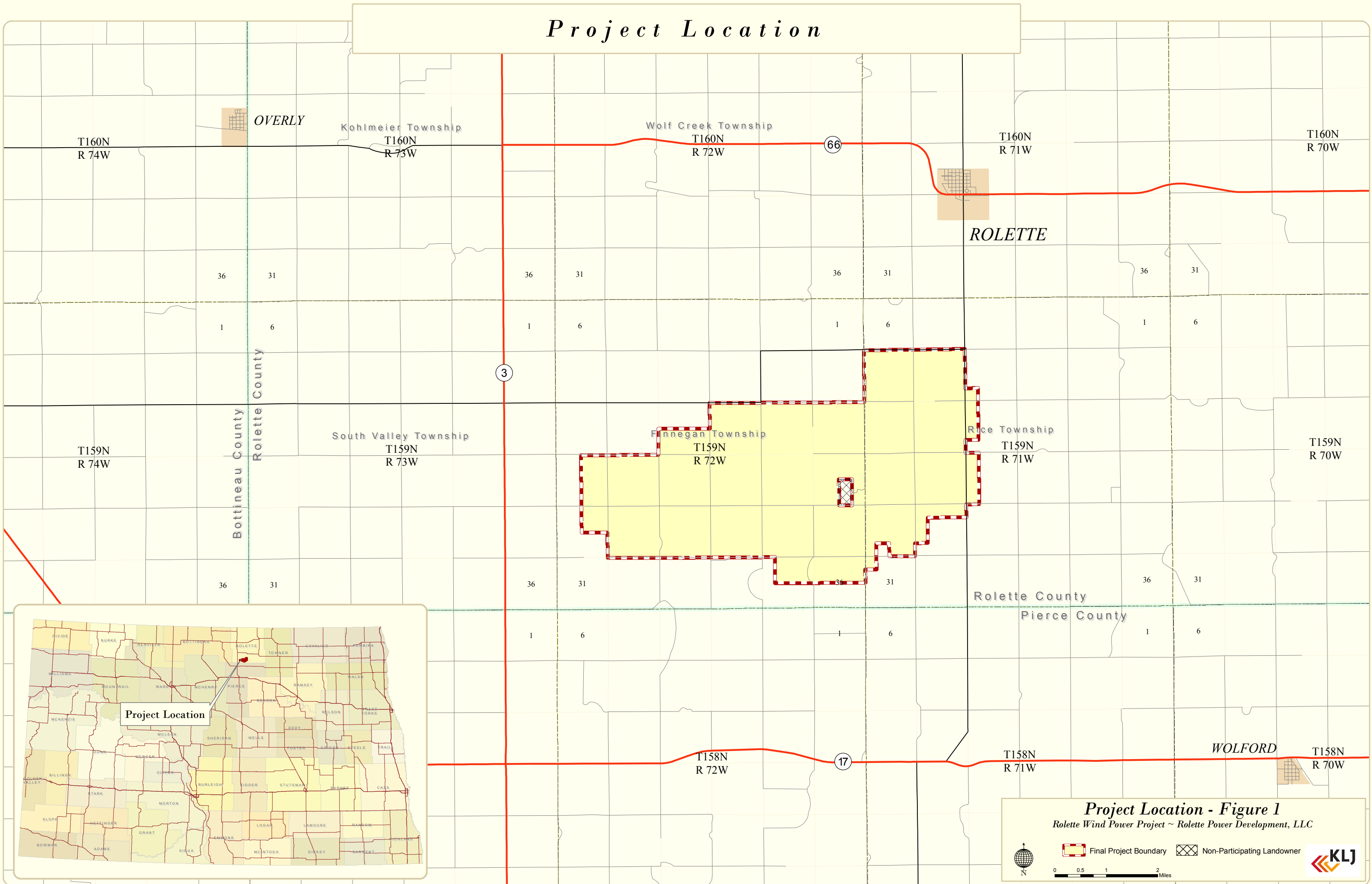
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# Project Location



**Project Location - Figure 1**  
Rolette Wind Power Project ~ Rolette Power Development, LLC

Final Project Boundary    Non-Participating Landowner

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



Natural Resources  
Conservation  
Service

June 19, 2015

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Alex Nisbet  
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RE: Rolette Wind Power Project

Dear Mr. Nisbet:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed your letter dated June 17, 2015, concerning your proposed project for the construction of the Rolette Wind Power Project.

#### Farmland Protection Policy Act

NRCS has a major responsibility with the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) in documenting conversion of farmland (i.e., prime, statewide importance and local importance) to non agriculture use. It appears your proposed project is not supported by federal funding, therefore, FPPA does not apply and no further action is needed.

#### Wetlands

The Wetland Conservation Provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended, provide that if a USDA participant converts a wetland for the purpose or to have the effect of making agricultural production possible, loss of USDA benefits could occur. The NRCS has developed the following guidelines for the installation of permanent structures where wetlands occur. If these guidelines are followed the impacts to the wetland will be considered minimal allowing USDA participants to continue to receive USDA benefits. Following are the requirements:

- Disturbance to the wetland must be temporary.
- No drainage of wetland is allowed (temporary or permanent).
- Mechanized landscaping necessary for installation is kept to a minimum and preconstruction contours are maintained.
- Temporary side cast material must be placed in such a manner not to be dispersed in the wetland.
- All trenches must be backfilled to the original wetland bottom elevation.

NRCS recommends that impacts to wetlands be avoided.

KLJ  
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If you have additional questions pertaining to FPPA, please contact Steve Sieler,  
Liaison Soil Scientist, NRCS, Bismarck, ND at 701-530-2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "WADE D. BOTT". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

WADE D. BOTT  
State Soil Scientist

**From:** [Bercier, Marilyn](#)  
**To:** [Alex Nisbet](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Rolette Wind Power Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 3:36:19 PM

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Alex,

After reviewing the new location map for the changed scope of the proposed action, our response is still as same as we indicated in first response letter:

"We have no environmental objections to this action as long as the project complies with all pertinent laws and regulations, and that Tribes or Tribal members may have lands in fee status near the site of interest. These lands would not necessarily be in our databases, and the Tribes should be contacted directly to ensure all concerns are recognized".

Thanks, Marilyn Bercier

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 11:30 AM, Alex Nisbet <[Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com](mailto:Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com)> wrote:

Hello Marilyn,

We just spoke on the phone regarding the following project. Rolette Power Development, LLC is submitting an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to the North Dakota Public Service Commission to construct the Rolette Wind Power Project. The project would encompass an approximately 14,720 acre Project Area and would be located approximately three miles south of the City of Rolette, in Rolette County, North Dakota. The Project would generate approximately 100 megawatts (MW) of electricity and would result in the construction of up to 59 wind turbines, depending on capacity of the turbines that are placed.

I have attached a project location map. Please let me know if the BIA has any issues with the location of the proposed project.

Thank you for your time.

Alex Nisbet



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**From:** [Dave Caroline](#)  
**To:** [Alex Nisbet](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rolette Wind Power Project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:17:08 PM

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Mr. Nisbet

North Central Electric Cooperative Inc. of Bottineau, operates a 15 KV overhead and underground distribution system in the two Townships highlighted on the map.

Sincerely  
Dave Caroline  
Line Supt.  
North Central Electric Cooperative Inc.

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**From:** Alex Nisbet [mailto:[Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com](mailto:Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 4:52 PM  
**To:** [d.caroline@nceci.com](mailto:d.caroline@nceci.com)  
**Subject:** Rolette Wind Power Project

Dave,

On behalf of Rolette Power Development LLC., KLJ sent NCEC, Inc. a scoping letter for the proposed project approximately two years ago. A hearing with the PSC will be held on June 29th and we are reaching out to all entities that provided us with responses to the original scoping package. I have provided a brief description of the project below and attached a project location map. We are reaching out to you to ensure that interested parties are informed of the proposed project and are given the opportunity to provide additional comments.

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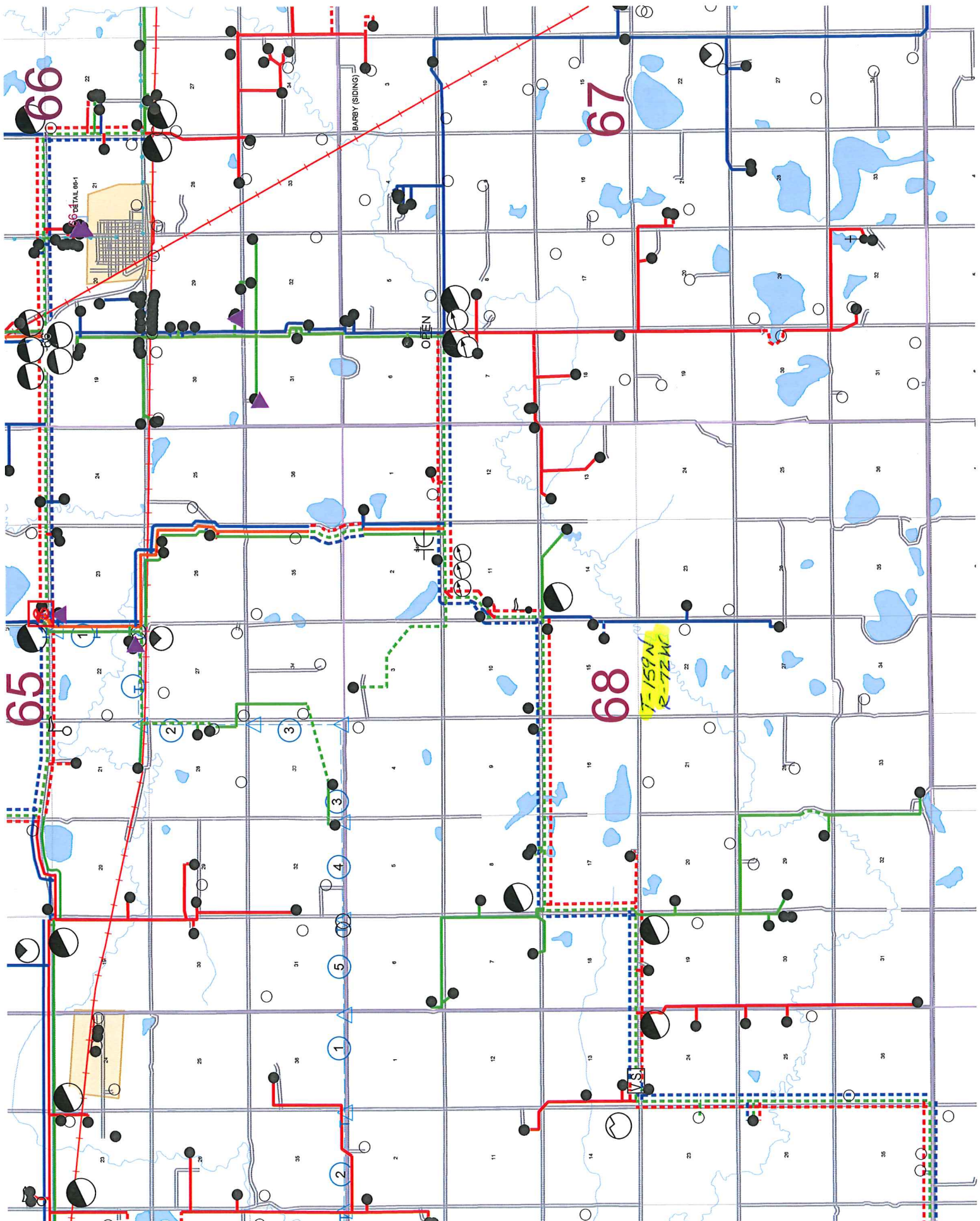
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**From:** [Semenko, Greg J.](#)  
**To:** [Alex Nisbet](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rolette Wind Power Project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 7:46:14 AM

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Alex

Based on what is shown the NDDOT has only one comment, that being the primary heavy haul route would be Hwy 3.

Thank You.

Greg Semenko  
District Engineer  
Devils Lake District

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**From:** Alex Nisbet [mailto:[Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com](mailto:Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 4:35 PM  
**To:** Semenko, Greg J.  
**Subject:** Rolette Wind Power Project

Greg,

On behalf of Rolette Power Development LLC., KLJ sent the NDDOT a scoping letter for the proposed project approximately two years ago. A hearing with the PSC will be held on June 29th and we are reaching out to all agencies that provided us with responses to the original scoping package. I have provided a brief description of the project below and attached a project location map. We are reaching out to your agency to ensure that interested parties are informed of the proposed project and are given the opportunity to provide additional comments.

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Please let me know if your agency has any issues or concerns with the proposed project. After our initial call earlier today, I checked into your question about haul routes. The developer or type of turbine are not known at this time, so we really don't know which direction they would be coming from or their mode of transportation. We will know more as the project progresses. Thank you for your time.

Alex Nisbet



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**From:** [Weispfenning, Linda L.](mailto:Weispfenning.Linda.L)  
**To:** [Alex Nisbet](mailto:Alex.Nisbet)  
**Cc:** [Huibregtse, Jared J.](mailto:Huibregtse.Jared.J)  
**Subject:** Re: Rolette Wind Power Project  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:17:37 AM

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Alex,

State Water Commission staff has completed review of the Rolette Wind Power Project as described in the email below. Per review of the project location by Jared Huibregtse, Assistant State NFIP Coordinator, the floodplain comments provided in the May 16, 2013 letter to Grady Wolf still pertain to the project. In addition, all other comments provided in the May 16, 2013 letter also still pertain to the project.

Again, thank you for providing additional opportunity to review the project.

Linda Weispfenning  
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On Jun 18, 2015, at 10:05 AM, Alex Nisbet <[Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com](mailto:Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com)> wrote:

Linda,

That would be great. Thank you for your time.

Alex

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**From:** Weispfenning, Linda L. [<mailto:lweispfenning@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:05 AM  
**To:** Alex Nisbet  
**Subject:** Re: Rolette Wind Power Project

Alex,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments regarding the Rolette Wind Power Project. I expect to provide the State Water Commission review comments to you within a few days.

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On Jun 18, 2015, at 9:57 AM, Alex Nisbet  
<[Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com](mailto:Alex.Nisbet@kljeng.com)> wrote:

Linda,

On behalf of Rolette Power Development LLC., KLJ sent the NDSWC a scoping letter for the proposed project approximately two years ago. A hearing with the PSC will be held on June 29th and we are reaching out to all agencies that provided us with responses to the original scoping package (your response has been attached). I have provided a brief description of the project below and attached a project location map. We are reaching out to your agency to ensure that interested parties are informed of the proposed project and are given the opportunity to provide additional comments.

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