

From: [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#)
To: [Ashley Ross](#); [Mikayla Boche](#)
Cc: [Wash, Elizabeth H. \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: Ruso PSC Permit-NTIA Update
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:37:31 PM
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[RE EXTERNAL Ruso turbine layout 21 for Fresnel analysis.msg](#)
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[RE Ruso - NTIA Response WAPA Coordination.msg](#)
[Ruso turbine coordinates.msg](#)

Ashley and Mikayla,

On January 29, 2019, representatives from Ruso Wind Partners, LLC spoke with Scott Johnson at WAPA regarding the studies Commsearch performed for us that they coordinated with with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. We sent the layout to Scott for review. He stated that none of the primary turbine locations posed a problem for their radio system, but alternate location #12 did. He requested that if alternate turbine location #12 is utilized, that we move it from its current location. Ruso Wind Partners, LLC does not plan to utilize this location unless necessary. We recognize this location will need more work on micro siting if we were going to use it.

Thanks,

Alex

Alex C. Bowker

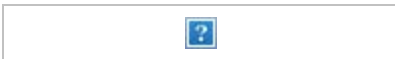
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Cc: [Berry, Morgan L. \(SPC\)](#); [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#); [Mohon, Kristin B. \(SPC\)](#); [Nunez, Edgar \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Ruso turbine layout 21 for Fresnel analysis
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:23:57 AM
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[Ruso Wind 12A 8x11.pdf](#)

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Bill,

Thanks for the turbine information. Our GIS technicians have entered the data into our GIS program and I have attached plots of the turbines with respect to our microwave path. You provided 53 primary turbine locations with 13 alternate locations. None of the primary locations pose a problem for our radio system, however, alternate location # 12 did as seen in the attached documentation. If you need to utilize location 12A, it will need to be moved from its current location. It is currently 24 feet from our second Fresnel zone and would need to be at least 238 feet.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Scott E. Johnson | Sr. Telecommunications Engineer | Spectrum Management

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ruso turbine layout 21 for Fresnel analysis

Scott,

Thank you for speaking with us on the phone this morning. Morgan asked me to get this to you, as I am the one doing our turbine layouts internally. Attached is our latest turbine layout with coordinates and dimensions.

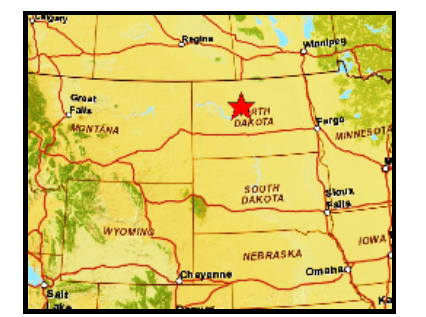
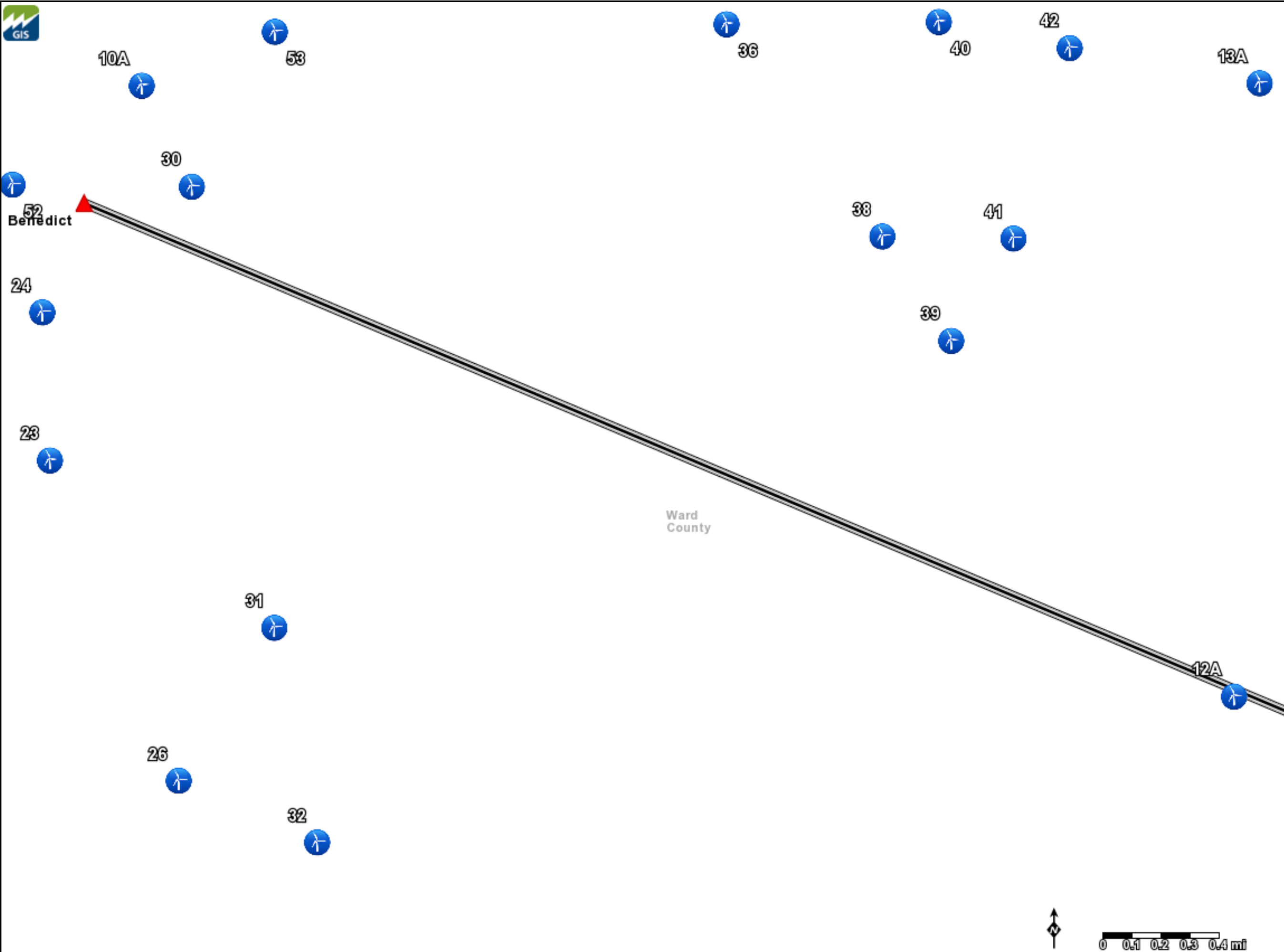
As mentioned we are evaluating switching turbines between locations, so please evaluate all the coordinates at the highest hub height (107.5 meters) and the largest rotor diameter (145 meters) (total tip height 180 meters) to identify any potential issues with microwave beam interference so we can address them.

Let us know if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Thanks,

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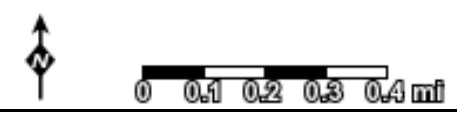


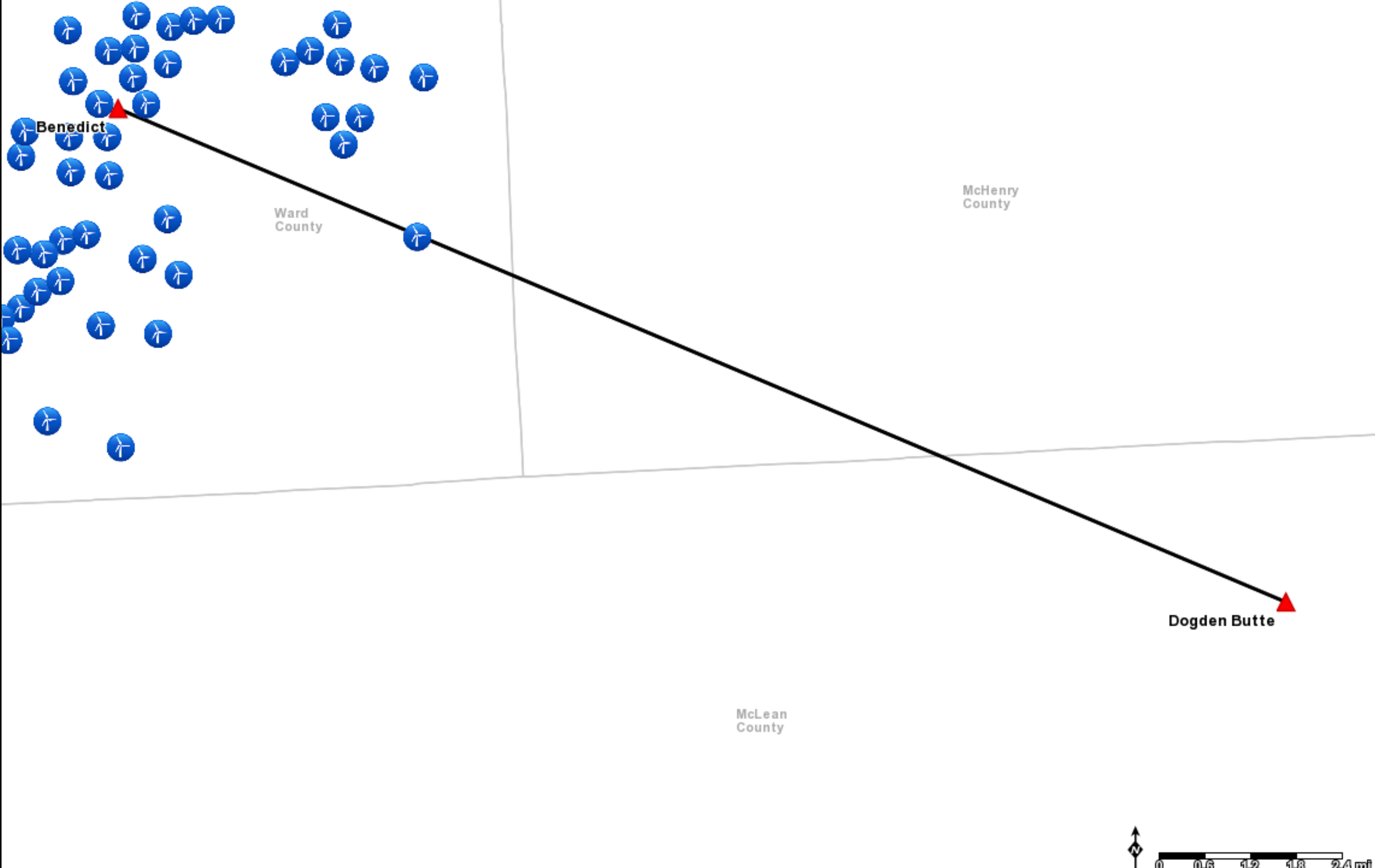
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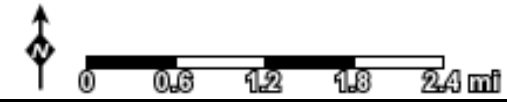


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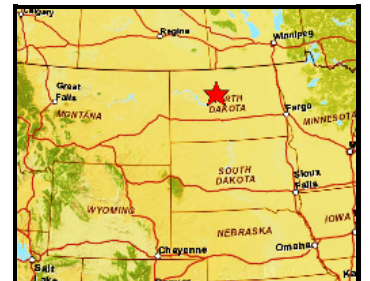


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Cc: [Berry, Morgan L. \(SPC\)](#); [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#); [Mohon, Kristin B. \(SPC\)](#); [Nunez, Edgar \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: Ruso turbine layout 21 for Fresnel analysis
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 9:37:16 AM
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[Ruso Layout 21 Coordinates and Picture 011418.xlsx](#)

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Bill Miller

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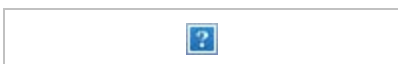
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Subject: RE: Ruso - NTIA Response / WAPA Coordination
Date: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:02:20 AM
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Kristin / Katie,

One of the tasks that Commsearch performed for us (in addition to radio / TV / etc studies) was coordination with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Per the attached letter, WAPA responded with a request for coordination on Ruso and provided a contact at WAPA. Since you two have been interfacing directly with WAPA on Philip and have relationships in place, would you mind reaching out to Mr. Johnson? Let me know if you would prefer me to handle.

“The Ruso Wind Partners project has the potential to adversely affect Western Area Power Administration operations. Energy requests the developer coordinate turbine placement directly with our Western Spectrum Manager, whose contact details are noted below:

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Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Ruso - NTIA Response

Morgan,

Per our conversation, please have Kristin and Katie reach out to WAPA since they already have a relationship with the entity.

Thanks,
Alex

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Alex / Elizabeth,

One of the tasks that Commsearch performed for us (in addition to radio / TV / etc studies) was coordination with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Per the attached letter, WAPA responded with a request for coordination on Ruso and provided a contact at WAPA. I wanted to check on the protocol for how we should handle this – i.e. who should reach out to Mr. Johnson at WAPA? Wanted to circle up before proceeding – let me know your thoughts.

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Thanks,

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Subject: **Turbine Response Letter** Ruso Wind Project: Ward, McLean & McHenry Counties, ND

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Riley,

Attached please find the responses to your proposed Ruso Wind Project in North Dakota. **One Agency,**

the Department of Energy (DOE) identified potential issues with the project location and request direct consultation with the agency. Contact information in the attached response letter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dennis Jimeno <DJimeno@comsearch.com>, 703-726-5858.

Regards,

Frank O'Brien

GIS Analyst



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Re: Ruso Wind Project: Ward, McLean & McHenry Counties, ND

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In response to your request on October 25, 2018, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration provided to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) the plans for the Ruso Wind Partners Project, LLC, located in Ward, McLean, and McHenry Counties, North Dakota.

After a 45+ day period of review, one federal agency, the Department of Energy (DOE), identified concerns with turbine placement in this area. Their concerns are noted below:

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While the other IRAC agencies did not identify any concerns regarding radio frequency blockage, this does not eliminate the need for the wind energy facilities to meet any other requirements specified by law related to these agencies. For example, this review by the IRAC does not eliminate any need that may exist to coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning flight obstruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal.

Sincerely,

John R. McFall
Deputy, Frequency Assignment Subcommittee
Office of Spectrum Management

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Cc: [Berry, Morgan L. \(SPC\)](#); [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#); [Nunez, Edgar \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: Ruso turbine coordinates
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Kristin,

As was discussed on the call this morning, attached is a spreadsheet showing the coordinates and turbine details for Layout 21, which was used in the PSC permit, for WAPA to use to check any Fresnel zone impacts to their operations. As we will be moving turbine types around in the coming weeks, please ask them to evaluate all the coordinates based on the highest turbine hub height (107.5 meters) and the largest rotor diameter (145 meters) to identify any potential issues.

Regards,

Bill Miller

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