

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
Prairie Winds ND 1 Project – Ward County  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-26-164**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **8th day of July 2026**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

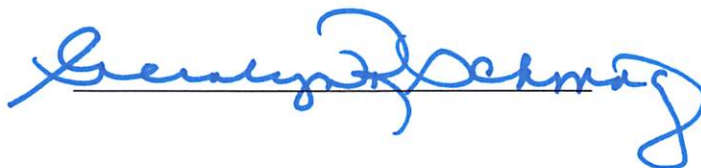
- **Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

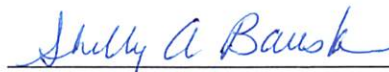
Margaret Olson  
Senior Staff Counsel  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
1717 East Interstate Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58503  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2385 53**

Kim Kabanuck  
701 345<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Max, ND 58759-9564  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2385 60**

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

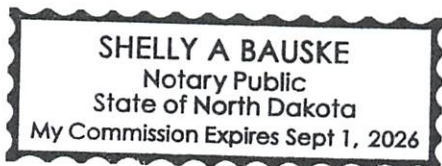


Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **8th day of July 2026**.



Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**A Public Hearing on the application in Case No. PU-26-164 is scheduled for August 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center and Water Park, 2400 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Minot, ND 58701.**

On August 12, 2009, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order in Case No. PU-08-75, granting Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 14 for Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) to construct a wind facility comprised of 77 turbines with a capacity of up to 115.5 megawatts (MW).

On May 1, 2026, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a siting application to amend the 2009 Order and Certificate to remove the 1.5 MW per turbine and the 115.5 MW facility restrictions. Basin proposes to remove the existing turbines and upgrade them to 1.6 MW turbines with a total facility capacity of up to 128 MWs. The project will not affect the layout or expand the site boundary. The project is located in Ward County approximately 24 miles due south of Minot, ND and is shown on the attached map.

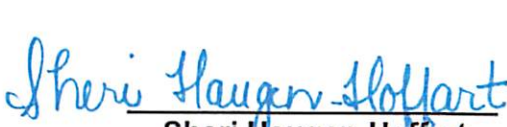
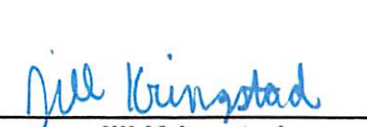
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location 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.

Issued: July 7, 2026

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