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**Public Hearing Scheduled for Brady II Wind Energy Center**  
*Hearing will be held in New England on June 7*

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in New England on Tuesday, June 7, regarding a proposal to construct the Brady II Wind Energy Center in Hettinger and Stark Counties.

Brady Wind II, LLC, (a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC), has submitted an application for a permit for the Brady II Wind Energy Center project and associated facilities. The wind farm will have a capacity of approximately 150 megawatts and will consist of up to 72 wind turbines. All wind turbines are proposed to be located in Hettinger County. Facilities proposed to be located in Stark County are limited to underground electrical collection systems and cabling. Additional facilities include access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, and meteorological evaluation towers. Total cost of the wind project is estimated at \$243 million.

The project will be located adjacent to the southern boundary of the proposed Brady Wind Energy Center, which is currently under consideration by the PSC. The transmission line proposed to serve the Brady Wind Energy Center will also serve this second project and the projects will share temporary laydown and turbine storage areas, the Operations and Maintenance Building, and substation equipment will be located in the same area for both projects.

The project area would encompass approximately 20,317 acres. It is estimated the permanent structures will occupy approximately 74 acres during operation. (Note to the media: Maps showing the proposed location of the wind project and transmission line have been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

**Details for the public hearing are as follows:**

- **When: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 9 a.m. Mountain (10 a.m. Central)**
- **Where: Memorial Hall**  
**925 Main Street, New England, N.D. 58647**

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearings and present their information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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