STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC Ruso Wind Project –Ward and McLean Counties Siting Application

Case No. PU-19-28

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry and Ward Cntys Siting Application Case No. PU-19-29

NOTICE OF FILINGS AND NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

March 27, 2019

A consolidated **Public Hearing** on the applications in Case No. PU-19-28 and Case No. PU-19-29 is scheduled for **June 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. CDT**, at the Sleep Inn & Suites, 2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701.

On January 21, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-28, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 205 MW Ruso Wind Project consisting of up to 60 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in McLean and Ward Counties of North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Also on January 21, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-29, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC filed combined applications for a corridor certificate and route permit to construct approximately ten miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities extending from the proposed Ruso Wind Project in Ward County to a new substation to be constructed in McHenry County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission is consolidating these cases for hearing under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered are:

- 1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
- 2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

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12 PU-19-28 Filed: 3/27/2019 Pages: 4 Notice of Filings and Notice of Consolidated Hearing 3. Will the proposed facility locations 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.

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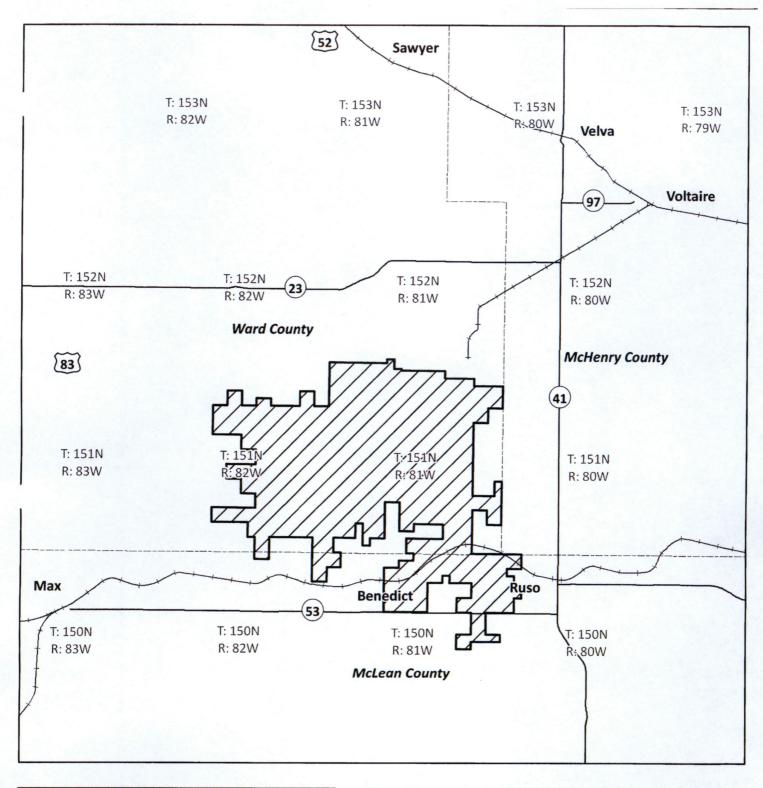
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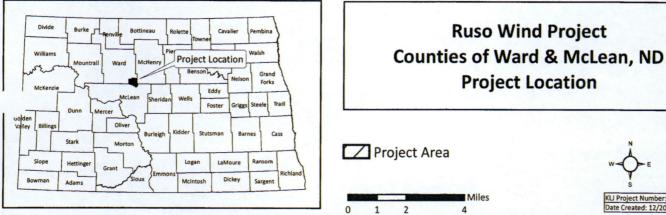
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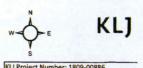
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