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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **PSC to Hold Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Transmission Line in Dickey County**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, regarding a proposed transmission line in Dickey County.

The project consists of a 150-170 mile transmission line – approximately nine miles of the line would be located in North Dakota. The transmission line would be owned jointly by Otter Tail Power and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and would run from the Big Stone South Substation near Big Stone City, S.D., to the proposed Ellendale substation near Ellendale, N.D. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed North Dakota portion of the route has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

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

- **When: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.**
- **Where: Fireside Restaurant**  
**415 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N**  
**Ellendale, N.D.**

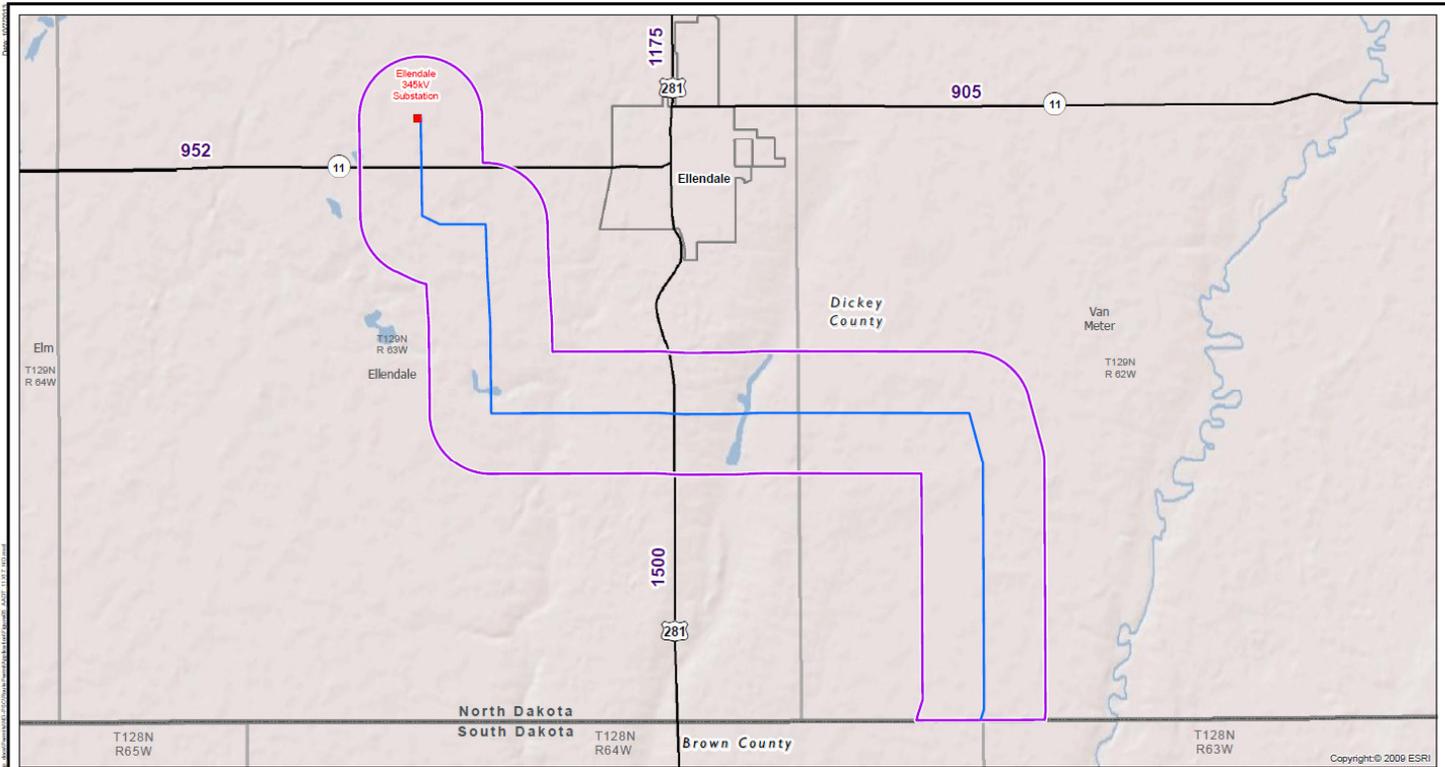
The hearings provide an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the 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.

The hearing schedule provides for the company to present its case and answer questions from the Commissioners first, after which the Commission will take comments from the public.

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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Data Source: NDDOT 2012

- North Dakota Route
- North Dakota Corridor
- Project End Point
- Highway

AADT (Average Annual Daily Traffic) - 1175  
 THE TRAFFIC FIGURES ARE THE TOTAL AT THE CLOSEST HIGHWAY INTERSECTION OR TOWN

Figure 5  
 Average Annual Daily Traffic  
 Big Stone South to Ellendale  
 345 kV Transmission Line Project

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