



NEWS RELEASE
March 6, 2015

For Immediate Release, Contact:
Julie Fedorchak, (701) 391-1140
Randy Christmann, (701) 328-4091
Brian Kalk, (701) 261-0373

PSC to Hold Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Transmission Line in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Tuesday, March 17, regarding a proposed electric transmission line in McKenzie County.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative has submitted an application to construct and operate the proposed North Killdeer Loop Project Phase I, which is approximately 28 miles of new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line. The project would also include the construction of two new substations. The line would start from the proposed Patent Gate Substation located north of Arnegard and would extend generally eastward to the proposed Kummer Ridge substation located east of Watford City. Estimated cost of the project is \$135 million.

(Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the transmission line has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites
113 9th Avenue S.E., Watford City, 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 unless certain additional procedures are followed.

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 other parties and 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.

###

Find us on Twitter: twitter.com/ndpsc or [@NDPSC](https://twitter.com/NDPSC)

