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**PSC Reschedules Public Hearing in Ashley to Discuss Requested Revisions
to the Merricourt Wind Power Project**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) has rescheduled a public hearing in Ashley regarding a proposal to amend the permit for the Merricourt Wind Power Project in Dickey and McIntosh Counties. The hearing will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13. The hearing was originally scheduled for June 28, but was postponed due to a publication error with the notice.

EDF Renewable Development, Inc., has submitted an application for a revised site plan for its proposed 150-megawatt Merricourt Wind Power Project. The NDPSC first approved a permit for the project in June 2011 and a first amendment was approved in May 2015.

Revisions to the previous project boundary have increased the project area from approximately 10,960 acres to 13,156 acres. The additional acres did not add any new landowners to the project. The new project boundary and layout was created following coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce the risk for whooping crane and piping plover impacts. Consistent with the first amendment, the new project layout would include up to 75 primary and 6 alternate turbine locations with approximately 23.3 miles of access roads to primary turbines.

The project is situated between the communities of Merricourt, Edgeley, Kulm, Fredonia, Ellendale, Forbes and Ashley. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Ashley City Hall
113 1st Street NW, Ashley, N.D. 58413**

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 hearing 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.

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