

NEWS RELEASE
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**PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Minot for Proposed Ruso Wind Project
and Associated Transmission Line**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Minot on Monday, June 17, regarding a proposal to construct a wind farm in Ward County and associated electric transmission line in Ward and McHenry Counties.

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Power), has submitted applications for permits for the Ruso Wind Project and an associated transmission line. The wind farm will have a capacity of up to 205 megawatts and will consist of approximately 60-63 turbines, depending on approval of the final layout. Associated facilities include access roads, electrical collection and communication systems and cabling, an operations and maintenance building, permanent meteorological evaluation towers, and a substation. The project area for the wind project would encompass approximately 16,197 acres approximately 5.7 miles northwest of Ruso in Ward County. Estimated cost of the wind project is \$250 to \$280 million.

The project will also include an approximately 10-mile long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would run from the wind project in Ward County to a new substation that would be constructed in McHenry County. The project would interconnect to the grid via the newly constructed Ruso Wind Switching Station that would be owned and operated by Great River Energy. Estimated cost of the transmission line project is \$5 to \$7 million.

(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:

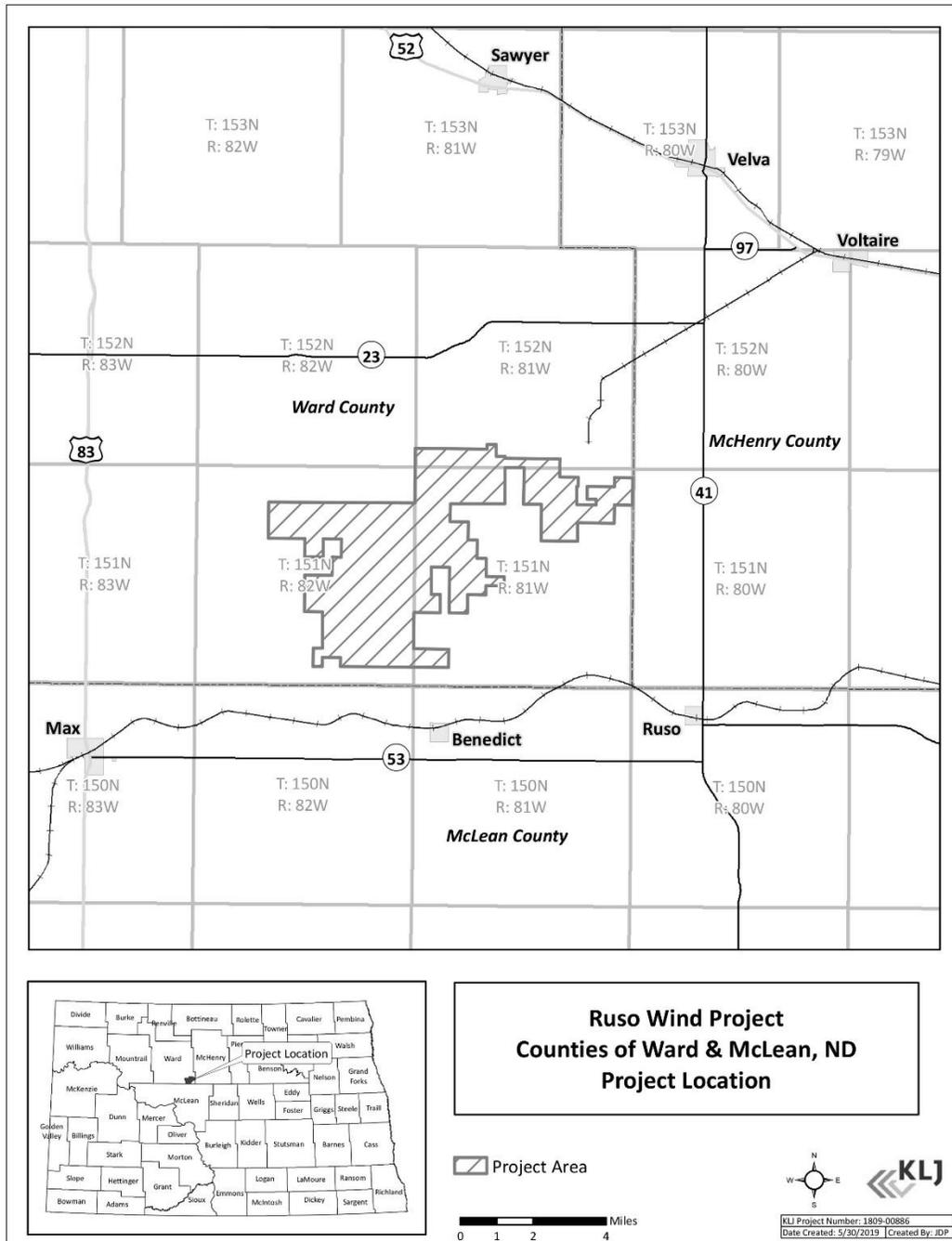
- **When: Monday, June 17, 2019 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Sleep Inn & Suites
2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701**

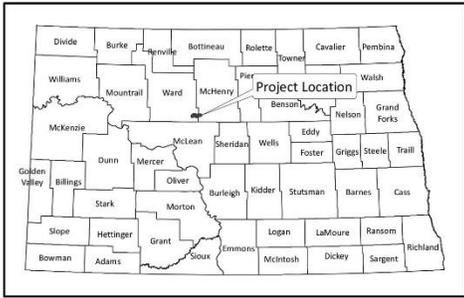
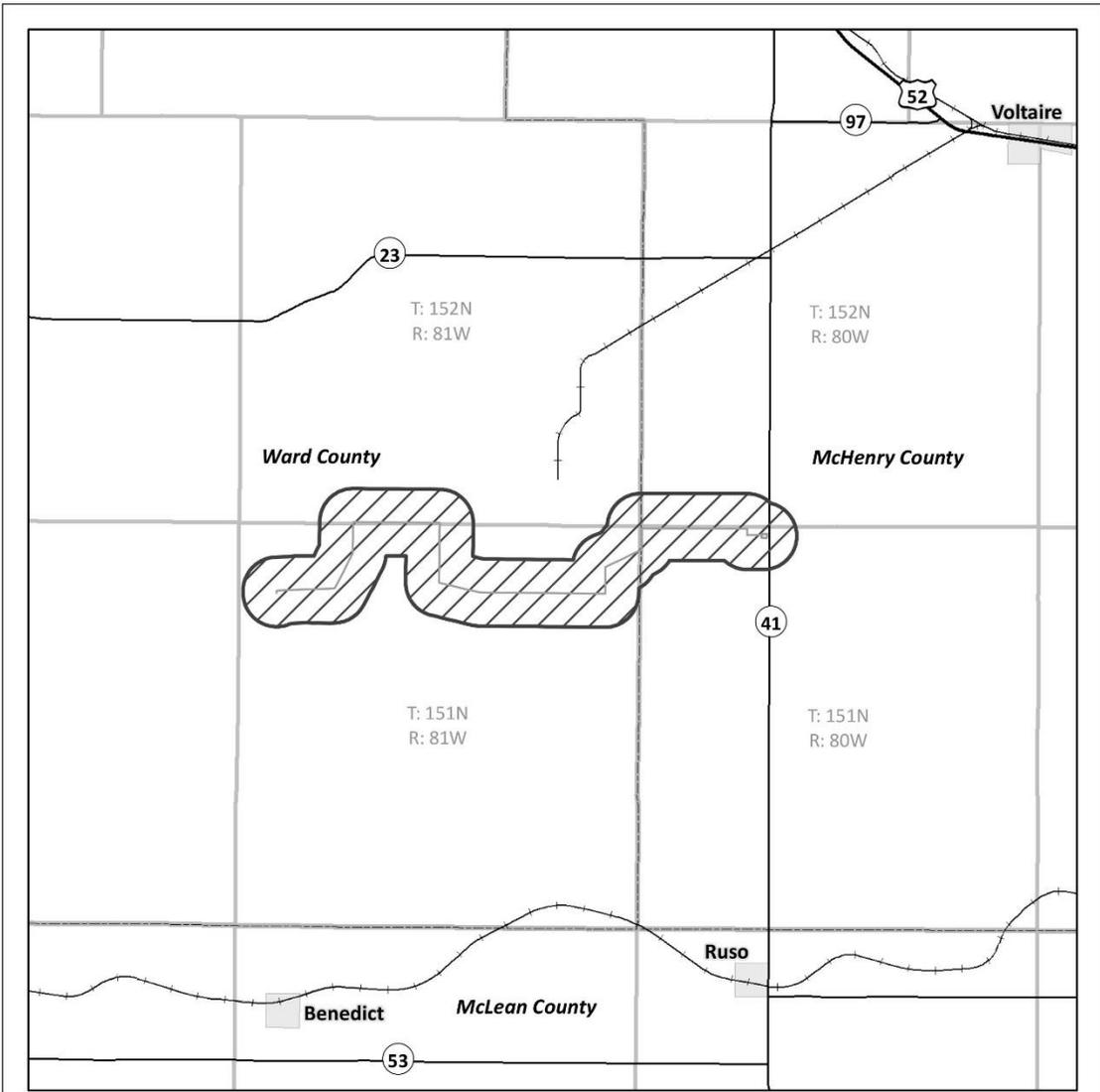
The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the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

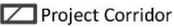
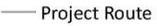
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**Ruso Wind Transmission Line Project
& Switching Station
Counties of Ward & McHenry, ND
Project Location**

 Project Corridor
  Switching Station
 Project Route



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