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***Note: Hearing date moved from Jan. 22 to March 19 – 11 a.m.***  
**Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Revisions to Merricourt Wind Power Project**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Ashley on Thursday, March 19, 2015, regarding a proposal for revisions to the Merricourt Wind Power Project.

EDF Renewable Development, Inc. (formerly enXco Development Corporation) received approval from the PSC for the site permit in June 2011, which is valid for four years. The original permit authorized construction of the 150 MW wind project consisting of up to 100 GE 1.5-megawatt turbines. The company is now requesting a revision to that permit and is instead planning on using 75 Vestas 2-megawatt turbines. The proposed revisions will also reduce the project area from 22,457 acres to 10,960 acres.

The project would straddle McIntosh and Dickey counties in southeastern North Dakota. The project would also include approximately 29 miles of access roads and approximately 37 miles of underground electrical collector cables. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the wind farm has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

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

- **When: Thursday, March 19, 2015 – 11 a.m. CST**
- **Where: Ashley City Hall  
113 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Ashley, 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](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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