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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Casselton for Proposed Solar Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Casselton on Thursday, November 1, regarding a proposal for a solar power generation facility in Cass County.

Harmony Solar ND, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit to build a 200 megawatt solar energy conversion facility. The project will include solar panels and racking, inverters, security fencing, laydown areas, a substation, an Operations and Maintenance building, onsite electrical collection and communication lines, and at least two weather stations. The project will use solar panels with tempered glass varying in size approximately 4 to 6.5 feet long and 2 to 3.5 feet wide, and 1 to 2 inches thick. Once installed on the tracking system, panels will be up to 15 feet in height.

The company plans to interconnect to the existing Bison Substation. The estimated cost of the project is \$250 million.

The project area will include 1,662 acres in Cass County. All land in the project area is privately owned. The project will be located approximately 3.6 miles northeast of Casselton or 4.5 miles northwest of Mapleton. (Note to the media: A map showing the 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: Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 – 10 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Days Inn and Governors' Conference Center
2050 Governors Drive, Casselton, ND 58102**

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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