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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Linton for Proposed Emmons-Logan Wind Project and Associated Transmission Line

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Linton on Friday, December 7, regarding a proposal to construct a wind farm and associated electric transmission line in Emmons and Logan Counties.

Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC (a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources), has submitted applications for permits for the Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center and an associated transmission line. The wind farm will have a capacity of approximately 298.1 megawatts and will consist of up to 123 wind turbine generators and associated facilities. Associated facilities include access roads, underground electrical collection systems, collection substations, an operations and maintenance building, meteorological evaluation towers, a construction laydown area, and a batch plant. The project area would encompass approximately 64,563 acres (101 square miles) located five miles northeast of Linton. Total cost of the wind project is estimated at \$415 million.

The project will also include a 6.85-mile long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Emmons County. The line would connect the wind project to the existing 230 kV Heskett-Wishek transmission line. Total cost of the transmission line is estimated at \$20 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: Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 10 a.m. Central
- Where: Emmons County Courthouse Auditorium 100 4th Street NW, Linton, ND 58552

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. <u>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.</u>

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

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