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PSC Hearing Rescheduled for Brady Wind Energy Center and Associated Transmission Line Hearing Rescheduled for March 30 in Dickinson

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) unanimously approved a request to delay the public hearing for the proposed Brady Wind Energy Project. As a result, the public hearings that were scheduled for the wind project and the associated transmission line for March 2 in Dickinson have been rescheduled for March 30.

The public hearings have been rescheduled as follows (two separate hearings):

When: Wednesday, March 30, 2016
 8 a.m. MST (9 a.m. CST) – Wind Project
 5 p.m. MST (6 p.m. CST) – Transmission Line

• Where: Dickinson City Hall
99 2nd Street East, Dickinson, N.D. 58601

The request for continuance was submitted by the Concerned Citizens of Stark County. The group asked that the hearings be postponed to allow them more time to review all of the recent information that has been submitted for the project.

Brady Wind, LLC (a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources), has submitted applications for permits for the Brady Wind Energy Center and an associated transmission line. The wind farm will have a capacity of approximately 150 megawatts and will consist of up to 87 wind turbine generators and associated facilities. The project will also include a 19-mile long, 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Total cost of the wind project is estimated at \$250 million and the transmission line is estimated at \$12 million.

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/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearings and present their information. <u>Information received after the hearings 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 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.