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## Public Hearing Scheduled in Valley City for Proposed Glacier Ridge Wind Farm

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Valley City on Tuesday, Sept. 27, regarding a proposal to construct the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm in Barnes County.

Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, which would be located in Barnes County. The wind farm will have a capacity of up to 300.15 megawatts and will consist of up to 87 wind turbines. Additional facilities proposed for the project include access roads, electrical collection and communication systems and cabling, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building and a substation. Total cost of the wind farm is estimated at \$375 million.

The project will encompass an approximately 34,450-acre project area approximately five miles northeast of Valley City. It is estimated that permanent structures will only occupy up to 92 acres during operation. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the wind project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

## Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 9 a.m. (Central)
- Where: Vangstad Auditorium, Valley City State University 101 College Street SW, Valley City, ND 58072

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 hearings 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 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 <a href="https://www.psc.nd.gov">www.psc.nd.gov</a>.

