

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Case No. PU-25-304
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty
Siting Application

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NOTICE OF FILINGS AND NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC HEARING

A Consolidated Public Hearing on the applications in Case Nos. PU-25-304 and PU-25-305 is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Glen Ullin City Auditorium, 119 Main Street North, Glen Ullin, ND 58631.

On December 30, 2025, in Case No. PU-25-304, Minnesota Power filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project consisting of up to 45 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Morton County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Also on December 30, 2025, in Case No. PU-25-305, Minnesota Power filed a combined application for a corridor certificate and route permit to construct an approximately 2.5 mile-long 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Morton and Mercer Counties, North Dakota, extending from the proposed Longspur Wind Project to Minnesota Power's Tri-County Substation in Mercer County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission is consolidating these cases for hearing under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

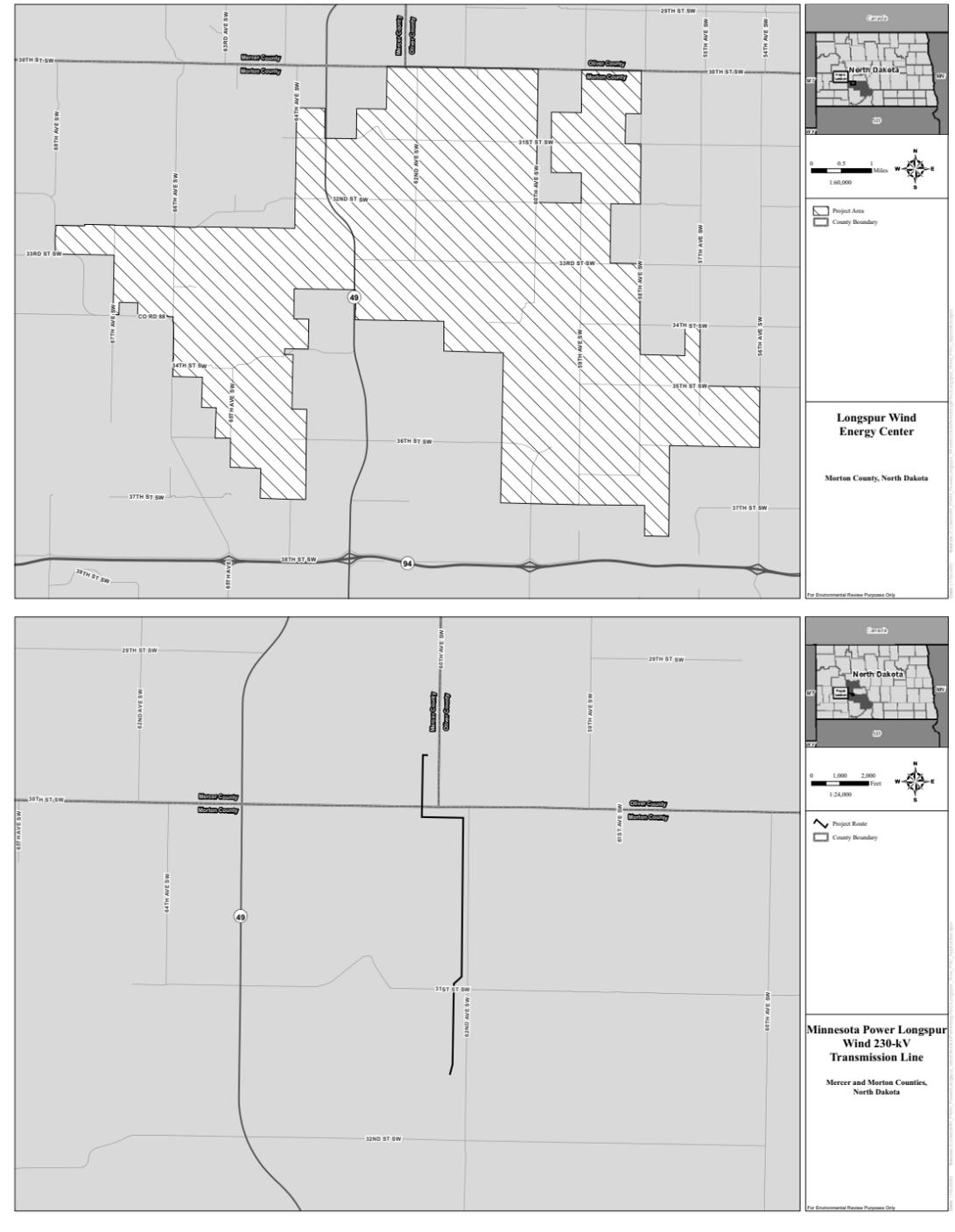
1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facilities' locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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Bison rally past Rugby in regular-season finale

Hazen ends game on 14-0 run

BY MARK WEBER
SPORTS EDITOR

In the final tune-up before the Class A Region 4 Tournament, the Hazen Boys Basketball team celebrated Parents/Senior Night with a come-from-behind, 70-63 victory over Rugby, in the regular-season finale for both teams, March 3, at Bison Arena in Hazen.

Hazen halted a three-game losing skid and improved to 14-7 on the season, while Rugby, which plays in Region 3 of the Class A Division, fell to 13-8.

A back-and-forth first quarter ended with Rugby holding an 18-16 advantage, and the teams traded runs in the second quarter after Brekson Kaylor's three-pointer early in the period gave Hazen a 19-18 edge. Rugby used an 11-3 run over a three-minute stretch to open up its biggest lead (29-22) of the game midway through the quarter, but the Panthers would not score again until the closing seconds of the half.

Meanwhile, Hazen got a three-pointer from Magnus Obenauer, a field goal from Jaran Reinhardt, and another triple from Obenauer to move back in front, 30-29, and later, Jett Jungers canned a three-pointer from the right wing to complete an 11-0 run that gave the Bison a 33-29 advantage with just over a minute left. Rugby finally ended the run when Brody Berndt knocked down a straight-on three-pointer in the waning seconds of the half to bring the Panthers to within 33-32 at the intermission.

Hazen shot 60% (12 of 20) from the field in the first half, with half (6) of the conversions coming from beyond the three-point arc, but the Bison committed nine turnovers in the half, including eight in the second quarter. Rugby hit on 12 of 26 (46%) field goals with three 3-pointers and sank five of seven free throws over the first two quarters. Keaton Batke tallied 15 points for Hazen to lead all scorers in the first half, and Berndt paced Rugby's first-half attack with 10 points.

A four-point play by Austin Duchscher and a field goal by Lucas Wentz in the opening minute of the third quarter capped a 9-0 run that gave Rugby a 38-33 lead, but Hazen answered with an 8-2 run, and Batke's three-pointer off a steal by Reinhardt put the Bison ahead, 41-40, with 3:15 remaining in the quarter. However, Hudson Hager answered right back with a three-pointer for Rugby, and the Panthers would cling to the lead for the remainder of the period, taking a 51-48 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Most of Hazen's offense

in the fourth quarter would come from the free throw line. The Bison hit only four field goals in the period, but after attempting just four free throws through the first three quarters, the Bison connected on 12 of 17 shots from the stripe in the final seven and a half minutes. A pair of free throws by Duchscher gave Rugby a 53-48 lead just 10 seconds into the frame, but Reinhardt and Jungers each hit a set of free throws for Hazen, and then Reinhardt converted a three-point play to move the Bison in front, 55-53, with just under six minutes left.

Wentz answered with a three-pointer for Rugby, and after Carter Johnsrud tied it up (56-56) with a free throw, Wentz hit two free throws on the other end, and then Berndt dropped in a three-pointer, and Hager followed a pair of Hazen missed free throws with a fast-break lay-up to match Rugby's biggest lead (63-56) with 3:55 remaining. However, the Panthers would not find the scoring column again, while Hazen got two free throws from Batke and a field goal from Obenauer over the next minute to cut the lead to 63-60.

With just over two minutes to go, Obenauer canned a three-pointer from the left corner to deadlock the game at 63 all, and after a Rugby misfire, Batke drained a triple from left side of the key to put the Bison on top (66-63) for good with a minute and a half remaining. After the teams exchanged turnovers on their next respective possession, Rugby missed a pair of free throws, and then Reinhardt hit the back end of two free throw attempts to give Hazen a two-possession (67-63) lead with 44 seconds remaining.

Another misfire by the Panthers led to a free throw by Batke, and then Batke came up with a steal on the other end and was immediately fouled, and he converted on both shots at the stripe to give the Bison a three-possession (70-63) lead with just 20 seconds remaining. The Bison hit two three-pointers, a field goal and six free throws to make up a 14-0 run over the final 3:20 of the game.

Hazen shot 49% (22 of 45) from the field in the game, including a sizzling, 48% (11 of 23) on shots from beyond the arc, while Rugby connected on 23 of 51 (45%) field goals, including seven of 20 (35%) three-pointers. Hazen held a slim, 27-26 edge in rebounding and committed 13 turnovers, while Rugby turned the ball over a dozen times in the game. The difference came at the free throw line, where both teams shot 71%. However, Hazen hit on 15 of 21 free

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