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Public Input Encouraged!

Public comments are sought on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of a proposed wind energy facility in Hughes and Hyde counties, to the south of Harrold, South Dakota. The Project proposes to interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Fort Thompson-Oahe 230-kilovolt (kV) #2 transmission line. The proposed project, to be called North Bend Wind Project, would include 71 wind turbine generators, new access roads, an underground power collection system, one meteorological tower, a project substation, up to 500 feet of 230-kV overhead transmission line from the substation to WAPA's transmission line, a 10-acre temporary laydown/staging area and concrete batch plant, a fiber optic communications system, and use of an existing, adjacent five-acre operations and maintenance facility. Construction of the North Bend Wind Project is proposed to begin as early as the Summer of 2023.

The draft EA is available for download at the following website:
<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/Environment/Pages/NorthBendWind.aspx>

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to:
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Comments should be postmarked no later than Friday, April 14, 2023.