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Power line decision delayed

The North Dakota Public Service Commission voted this week to delay a decision on a 200-mile high voltage transmission line proposed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The project is estimated to cost \$375 million and would run from Antelope Valley Station (near Beulah) to a substation near Tioga. Basin Electric is seeking approval from the PSC and three other agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act. [Read more in the Fargo Forum.](#)

Research points to 1.1 million barrels of oil per day

Research firm Wood Mackenzie released estimates this week that production in the Bakken and Three Forks formations could reach up to 1.7 million barrels per day by 2020. Also in the report was a projection that \$15 billion will be spent in 2014 on drilling and completion of wells, and that almost \$118 billion remains in the value of the American portion of Bakken and Three Forks formations. The expected lifetime of a Bakken well is 25-30 years. [Read more in the Bismarck Tribune.](#)

Natural gas flaring hearing scheduled

The North Dakota Flaring Task Force will be holding a hearing April 22nd in Bismarck to gain input on various items related to its goal of significant reduction in flaring by 2020. The Task Force seeks to capture 90-95 percent of all natural gas produced during oil production. [Read more in the McKenzie County Farmer.](#)

North Dakota oil projections shared

Engineering firm KJ released projections this week on oil and gas activity in North Dakota over the next five years. Findings suggest that competition from the Eagle Ford and Permian basins in Texas, in addition to the state's winter weather, will limit production to 1.2—1.5 million barrels per day through 2019. [Read more about KJ's findings in the Fargo Forum.](#)



ENERGY EVENTS

May 21	Bio-Industry Summit	Fargo, ND
May 22—24	Williston Basin Petroleum Conference	Bismarck, ND
June 9—12	International Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 14	Great Plains & EmPower ND Energy Conference	Bismarck, ND