

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Sargent County 230 kV Reroute
Siting

Case No. PU-401-00-108

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

October 25, 2000

On July 31, 2000, Otter Tail Power Company filed a consolidated application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a certificate of corridor compatibility, and a route permit for the construction and relocation of approximately one-half mile of 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line around the south and east sides of a semi-permanent wetland in Section 6, T 130 N, R 54 W in Sargent County, North Dakota, as indicated on the attached map. This proposed relocation was constructed under power emergency conditions declared by Otter Tail this past spring.

Otter Tail states that the relocated line is of such length, design, location and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects. Otter Tail requests the Commission (1) waive provisions of law that require separate applications, separate notices of hearing, separate hearings, and certain time schedules; and (2) issue a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit authorizing construction of the proposed project.

The Commission finds the application complete.

A public Hearing on this matter will be held beginning **November 29, 2000 at 1 p.m. (CST) in the Sargent County Courthouse**, Commissioner's Room, 355 Main Street, Forman, North Dakota.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed transmission line produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed transmission line compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed transmission line corridor and route 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?

4. Is the proposed transmission line of such length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects so that procedures and time schedules may be waived?
5. Does a demonstrable emergency exist which requires immediate construction so that adherence to procedures and time schedules would jeopardize the utility's system?
6. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this proceeding will be given an opportunity at the hearing. Anyone wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a petition to intervene with the Commission under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-02-05.

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 Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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