

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Square Butte Electric Cooperative  
250-kV DC Line Reroute-Kidder County  
Application

Case No. PU-551-00-407

### NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

September 27, 2000

On September 18, 2000, Square Butte Electric Cooperative (Square Butte) 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 1.2 miles of 250 kilovolt (kV) Direct Current (DC) electric transmission line around the west side of Horsehead Lake in Kidder County, North Dakota. The line to be relocated is approximately 1.3 miles of Square Butte's Center to Duluth 250-kV transmission line, a portion of which is now located in water ranging in depths from 1 to 10 feet because of the rising waters of Horsehead Lake. The proposed relocation is indicated on the attached map and will be entirely in Kidder County.

Square Butte states that a demonstrable emergency exists and the proposed line is of such length, design, location and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects. Square Butte 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 **October, 27, 2000 at 1 p.m. (CDST) in the Kidder County Courthouse**, County Commission Meeting Room, 120 E Broadway, Steele, ND 58482.

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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