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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 7:58 AM
To: -Grp-PSC Commissioners
Cc: Jeffcoat-Sacco, Illona; Lein, Jerry R.; Binek, William W.
Subject: FPL/Central Power Transmission line request to move three structures; Case No. 05-205



In a letter dated August 17, 2005 Central Power requests permission to move three of the 45 structures of the 230 kV transmission line in order to reduce impact on the landowners or the environment. The impacted structures are structure number 5, number 12 and number 11.

Structure number five is located west of US Highway 83. This structure was originally positioned to avoid an underground fiber optic cable shown on telephone company maps. When the fiber optic cable was located by the North Dakota One Call System, it was found to be in the highway right-of-way and not in private right-of-way as shown on the maps. Central Power requests permission to move structure number five, 10 feet east to reduce impact on people farming this section of land by moving the pole closer to the highway right-of-way.

Structure number 12 is located approximately six tenths of one mile east of US Highway 83. This structure was originally positioned to avoid wet areas indicated on topographical maps. When this structure was staked by the surveying team, it was found to be in a somewhat low area with moist soft soil. It is Central Power's opinion that moving structure number 12, 30 feet east will reduce environmental impact and requests permission to do so.

Structure number 11 is located 600 feet west of structure 12. Central Power requests permission to move structure number 11, 30 feet east to maintain the 600 foot span length between structures 11 and 12. If Central Power leaves structure number 11 and moves structure number 12 it gives them a 630 foot span length and they will exceed design strength parameters of these two poles. It is Central Power's opinion that moving structure number 11, 30 feet east will not adversely impact the environment.

Jerry and I have reviewed the letter and have driven the transmission line with Central Power. We viewed these structure locations and the proposed changes. It is our opinion that granting the request is appropriate and will not cause adverse impact.

Please let us know if this is acceptable so we may inform the company, or if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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