

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer

Fr: Jerry Lein

Da: December 21, 2011

Re: Case No. PU-07-759: NSP Cap-X 345 kV Fargo Transmission Line

My review of NSP's application for a corridor certificate and route permit indicates the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. Therefore, I recommend the application be deemed complete conditioned on receiving final structure locations one week prior to the hearing. However, there are some additional studies and permitting activities still underway:

1. Micro-siting: The company is in the process of siting transmission line structures and will file final structure locations prior to the hearing.
2. Cultural Resources: A class III pedestrian survey has been completed and a summary of the final report is expected to be filed soon along with a concurrence letter from SHPO.

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