

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnkota Power Cooperative  
Pillsbury-Fargo 230 kV Transmission Line  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-08-48**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**April 21, 2008**

On March 18, 2008 Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) and Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a consolidated application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit authorizing construction of a 230,000 volt (230 kV) electric transmission line and associated facilities. On April 17, 2008 the application was amended with a revised corridor and route proposal and with notification that Otter Tail wishes to withdraw as an applicant because it is no longer an owner of the project. The revised project consists of approximately 61.6 miles of proposed 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Barnes, Cass and possibly Steele Counties of North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

The waiver application requests the Commission waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) section 49-22-07.2, procedures and time schedules set forth in NDCC sections 49-22-08, 49-22-08.1, 49-22-13 and ND Administrative Code section 69-06-01-02 and hold a single consolidated hearing on the waiver application and the consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission finds the amended applications complete on the condition that a map showing proposed final transmission line structure locations is filed on or before May 15, 2008.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed electric transmission line produce minimal adverse effects on the environment, natural resources, and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed electric transmission line compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed electric transmission line corridor and route minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and

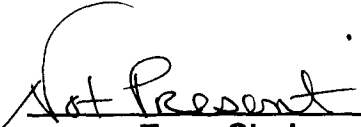
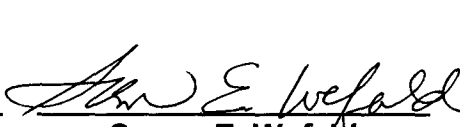
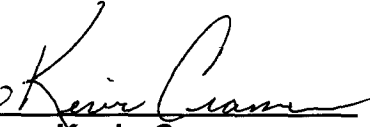
ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive the procedures as requested in the application including the request for a single consolidated application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit?

A **public hearing** on these matters is scheduled to begin **May 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the **City Hall Auditorium, 702 1<sup>st</sup> St. N., Casselton, North Dakota 58012.**

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 Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary at least 24 hours in advance.

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- Substation
- Proposed Route
- ▨ Corridor Limit
- ▭ County Boundary



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