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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 28, 2008

Members of the Public Service Commission  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard; Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case Number PU 08-48

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. filed two Late-Filed Exhibits this afternoon in PU 08-48. In Late-Filed Exhibit 2, Minnkota explores an alternative route in the northeast portion of Rush River Township, Cass County, ND. At the Public Hearing the Commission requested that Minnkota study an alternative route. In the Late-Filed Exhibit, Minnkota asks that the Commission adopt the route as suggested by the Commission as part of Minnkota's designated route. The deviation in the route as developed at the Hearing is, in Minnkota's view, what is contemplated by the Commission's Rules. N.D.A.C. 69-06-05-02 (2). The Late-Filed Exhibit addresses exclusions and avoidance areas, and finds there are none. Minnkota asks that the Commission permit the deviation in the route as is contemplated by the Rule and issue a route permit as requested .

The corridor analysis in this matter is complete. The alternative route in the northeast corner of Rush River Township is within the corridor. All analysis has been completed, with the exception of the analysis by the Historical Society in the alternative areas of the route. In the area of the alternative portion of the line Minnkota has already taken steps to have the Historical analysis completed and is in the process of having those determinations made. Minnkota intend to address pole placement and structure locations just as soon as possible. Again, the area of the alternative route is within the corridor and is within close proximity of the existing route. Minnkota would ask leave of the Commission to file those pole placements as soon as possible and asks that the issuance of the route permit not be delayed by the pole placement in the alternative area of the route.

Very truly yours,

PEARCE & DURICK

By

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Enclosures

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Late Filed Exhibits 1 and 2 and Letter Requesting  
that Issuance of Route Permit Not be Delayed

Minnkota Power Coop., Inc.  
Pearce & Durick, Jerome Kettleison

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

APPLICATION TO THE NORTH DAKOTA )  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A )  
WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES, )  
AND CONSOLIDATED CERTIFICATE OF )  
CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE )  
PERMIT, PILLSBURY-FARGO GENERATION )  
OUTLET PROJECT )

Docket No. PU-08-48

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH )

Bethany Schmidt, being first duly sworn on oath, does depose and say: That she is over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the above-entitled matter;

That on the 28th day of May, 2008, this affiant served a true and correct copy of the following documents in the above-captioned action:

1. Late-Filed Exhibit 1 – discussion of Power Transfer Alternatives
2. Late-Filed Exhibit 2 – discussion of Routing Activities in Rush River Township
3. (Proposed) Findings of Fact

That copies of the above documents were enclosed and secured in an envelope and addressed as follows:

Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue; Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

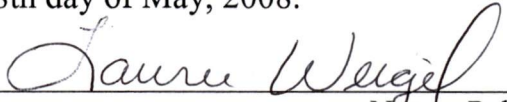
Hand-Delivered – Original and 10 Copies

To the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief, such address as given above was the actual post office address of the party intended to be so served.

That the above documents were duly served in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

  
Bethany Schmidt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of May, 2008.

  
Notary Public

