

**NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

Case No. PU-08-48

**Summary Sheet
June 6, 2008**

- Facility:** Approximately 61.1 miles of 230 kV Electric Transmission line between a new substation proposed to be located near Pillsbury in Barnes County and the existing Maple River substation near Fargo, North Dakota.
- Company:** The application was originally filed jointly by Minnkota Power Cooperative and Otter Tail Corporation. However, Otter Tail Corporation has since notified that it will not be an owner in the project and wishes to withdraw from the siting proceeding.
- Purpose:** The proposed transmission line would deliver wind energy from the proposed Ashtabula and M-Power wind energy projects to the regional electric transmission grid.
- Cost estimate:** Approximately \$36 million
- Schedule:** Construction proposed to begin June 2008. The project is proposed to be in operation in December 2008.
- History** The Application was filed March 18, 2008 and amended on April 17th. The Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing on April 21st and a hearing was held in Casselton on May 22, 2008.
- Today's Action::** The Commission will vote whether to supersede a local zoning condition in Reed Township of Cass County and whether to issue a corridor certificate and route permit authorizing construction of the project except for a small portion of the route in northeastern Rush River Township of Cass County that would be subject to a supplemental hearing scheduled for July 8, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room.

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