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**RE: Post Construction Inspection, Case No. PU-08-048
Generation Outlet Transmission Line
Pillsbury to Fargo**

Dear Mr. McLennan:

On February 12, 2014 the North Dakota Public Service Commission sent Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. the attached letter requesting a 30 day response. The Commission has yet to receive the Cooperative's response to this request. We would appreciate your immediate attention and response to this request.

Furthermore, the Cooperative has not complied with the Commission's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications for this project. The Commission requires a 75 percent survival rate after three years. The last report that the Commission received was in March 2013. Please provide a reporting of your 2013 and 2014 inspections immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
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Letter follow-up re post construction inspection
report and compliance issue



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Dear Mr. Larson:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained Wenck Associates, Inc. (Wenck) to complete a post construction inspection under the authority provided for in the above referenced case. Below we provide a weblink to their post construction inspection report for your review and a link to the Commission's order in this proceeding. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection report for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order.

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- Installation of erosion control structures at the Pillsbury Substation entrance and monitoring until stabilized. (Order Points 13,14, and 16)
- Provision of the final hardcopy, electronic copy, and GIS file as-built drawings. (Order Point 20)
- Written explanation of how bird deterrent placement was determined along the route, specifically in relation to high avian use areas and proximity to wetlands. (Order Points 8 and 9)
- Compliance with National Electric Safety Code. (Order Point 8)
- Waivers from all residents within 500 feet. (Order Point 6)
- Permits/Approvals from other agencies. (Order Point 6)
- Construction according to Application and safety requirements (Order Point 8)
- Reports of presence of threatened, endangered species or bald or golden eagles, if applicable (Order Point 8)
- Reports of cultural, archeological, historical resources found, if applicable (Order Point 9)
- Mitigation of television and radio interference (Order Point 17)

Mr. Joel L. Larson

February 12, 2014

- Aeronautics Commission request: search of private airports, FAA consultation completed under Form 7460 (receipt of study results needed). (Order Points 6 and 8)
- Compensation for landowners for crops and impacts to CRP status. (Order Points 6 and 8)

The construction report can be found at:

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0048/150-020.pdf>

The Commission Order can be found at:

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0048/042-060.pdf>

Please forward your response to the recommended Company actions, confirming these activities are complete, and describe actions and timelines for activities that are not complete. Please provide this documentation within 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,



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