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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s Proposed Center, North Dakota to Grand Forks, North Dakota 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Case No. PU-09-670**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Minnkota Power Cooperative ("Minnkota") submits this letter in order to provide the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") with an update regarding the anticipated time schedule for filing a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility application for its proposed Center, North Dakota to Grand Forks, North Dakota 345 kV Transmission Line Project ("proposed Project"). Currently, Minnkota anticipates that a pre-application meeting with the Commission's Staff will be held during the week of September 6, 2010, and that Minnkota will file its Certificate of Corridor Compatibility application for the proposed Project with the Commission in early October 2010.

The Commission currently has before it Minnkota's Application for Waiver of the Corridor Width Requirement ("Waiver Application") for the proposed Project, which was filed on July 16, 2010. Minnkota requests that the Commission wait and consider its Waiver Application concurrently with its Certificate of Corridor Compatibility application, which, as noted above, will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Letter updating anticipated time schedule for filing
an application for a Certificate of Corridor
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