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Subject: Case No. PU-09-670 Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing with Map

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Please have the attached Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing and Map published two times as a legal publication in the following newspapers, with the first publication in the next issue of the following papers:

Center Republican
Grand Forks Herald
Larimore Leader- Tribune
Northwood- The Gleaner
Aneta Star
Lakota American
McVillage Messenger
Michigan, Nelson Co. Arena
Finley, Steele County Press
New Rockford Transcript
Carrington, Foster Co. Independent
Cooperstown, Griggs Co. Courier
McClusky Gazette
Harvey, The Herald-Press
Bismarck Tribune
Garrison, McLean County Independent
Turtle Lake, McLean County Journal
Underwood News
Washburn, The Leader-News

and the second publication after April 25 and before May 2 in the following papers :

Center Republican
Grand Forks Herald
Lakota American
Finley, Steele County Press
New Rockford Transcript
Carrington, Foster Co. Independent
Cooperstown, Griggs Co. Courier
McClusky Gazette

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Harvey, The Herald-Press
Bismarck Tribune
Garrison, McLean County Independent

The map must be published as is. Please publish the map in the size of two or three columns wide. If you cannot publish the map as requested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Do not publish in the classifieds. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

Please confirm via email that you received this request.

If you have any questions or cannot open the files, please call me at 328-4076 or email.

Thank you.

Cara DeSaye

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnkota Power Coop, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line – Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-09-670

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS

March 24, 2011

On February 18, 2011, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-06-04-02(b). If a corridor certificate is granted then a separate route permit application and hearing is required before designating a transmission line route within the approved corridor.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. **A Public Hearing on the application will be held:**

May 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the **Grand Forks County Building** Conference Room, 151 S 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties

May 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the **Chieftain Conference Center** Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave.S, **Carrington**, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties

May 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at **Memorial Hall**, 805 Main Ave. **Washburn**, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations 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 approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

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 the Commission.

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