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I am writing to ask that the hearings for Minnkota Power Cooperative's 345 kV transmission line from Center to Grand Forks (Case No. PU-09-670) be held in June instead of the May 3, May 4, and May 13, 2011 meeting dates.

The proposed route of the line would affect about five miles of property I own or farm. I will be most likely be heavily involved in spring planting during the dates on which the meetings are currently set. I would like to come to the hearing to testify; however, if the meetings are held in the first part of May, it is probable that I would not be able to attend because of field work. I am requesting that the hearings be held in June so that those landowners, including myself, who wish to testify will be able to do so.

I also would like to see meetings held in each county along the proposed route. Having one meeting for up to 5 counties makes it difficult for all landowners to attend especially during this busy time of year when it is difficult for farmers to get away. In order to be fair to all parties, I would suggest a meeting be held in each affected county.

Thank you for your consideration,


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