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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Dear Commissioners,

As you know, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. is planning to construct a new transmission line that runs from Center to Grand Forks, ND.

Over the past few months, North Dakota Farm Bureau (NDFB) has held informational meetings for our landowner members along the proposed path of the transmission line. These meetings were held for the simple and sole purpose of sharing relevant information and facts about the project.

NDFB has specific policy in support of increased interstate and intrastate transmission capacity of electricity. However, NDFB also has policy that serves to protect the ability of our members to conduct their business in a manner that doesn't adversely affect them.

We understand the Public Service Commission will be holding hearings regarding this transmission line project sometime during the month of May.

If at all possible, we would respectfully request that such hearings be held following the spring seeding season, so our members are able to attend these important hearings.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Eric Aasmundstad  
President, North Dakota Farm Bureau

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