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**Notice of transmission line filing and hearings**

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

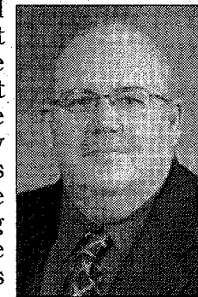
On Feb. 18, 2011, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North 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 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 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 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.  
ND Public Service Commission  
Kevin Cramer, commissioner  
Tony Clark, chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, commissioner  
LN April 7, 2011

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**District 8 Rep. Jeff Delzer R-Underwood**



Delzer

We should have all or at least most of the senate bills out of committee in the house by the time this is printed. We will be strong into conference committees and looking to wrap up the session in a few weeks. There are some pretty big differences in the spending levels suggested by the different houses. We in the house for the most part wish to keep a little better hold on the increases in our on-going expenses than the senate seems to be. We will see what comes out of the conference committees. They are supposed to deal with just the differences but sometimes the compromise is different than either house first passed.

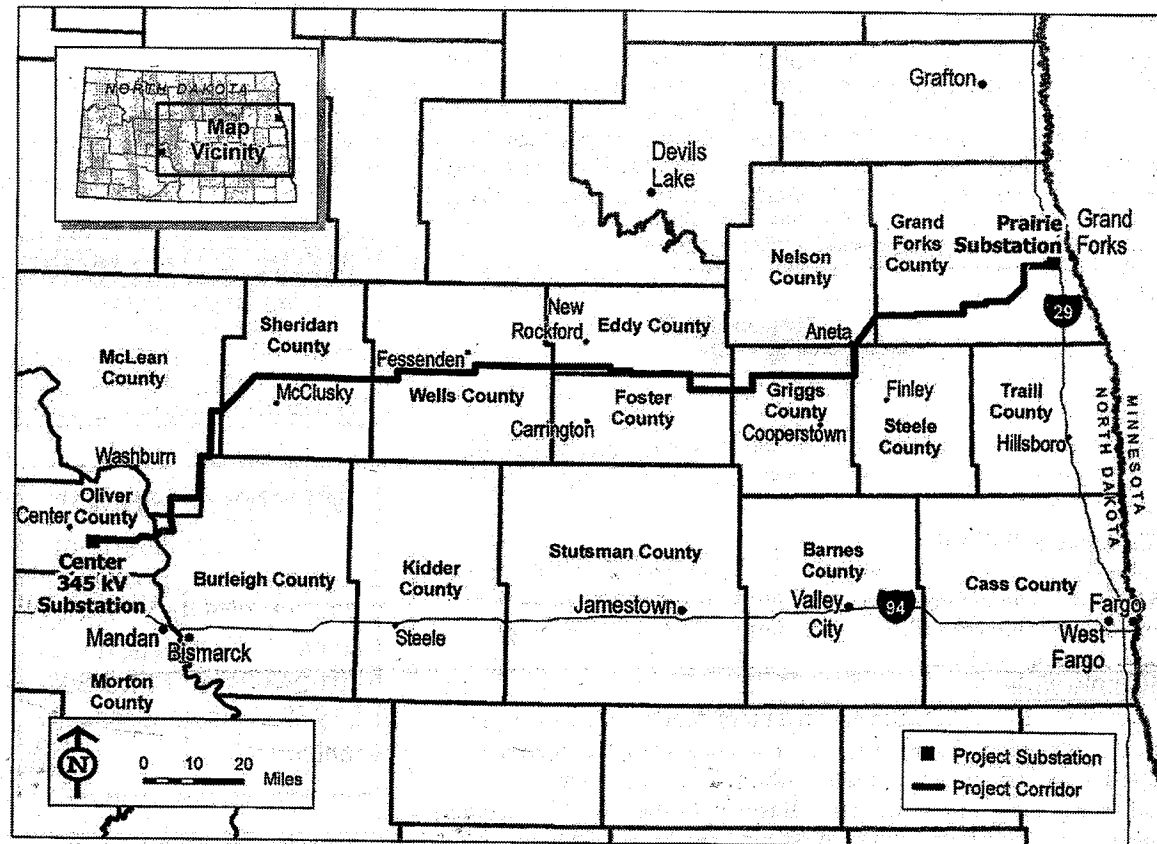
Education is increasing in funding and scope again this year, seems like we have "tweaked" the education system for at least the last couple of sessions and I wonder if we possibly have made too many changes in too short a period of time to know for sure how well the changes have worked before we "tweak" them again. I have concerns about the education system bill this session. The bill number is 2150 and came out of the k-12 commission on education funding. This was started by the governor and then codified by the legislature, but it has only a few legislators and is made up mostly of school district employees, educators and administrators. We have given them the right to vote on the committee and what comes out seems to be to me more for the teachers and districts than what is really just for the students. When I think of k-12 or even higher ed the first thing I think of is what is best for the students. How will something help them to better their education and opportunities for their future. Teachers teach of their own free will, we have to appreciate their efforts and reward

the good ones while we remember that just throwing more money at things does not always improve the outcomes. The second group I think of when looking at education is how does this affect the payers of the system: i.e. the taxpayers. All of us want good education for the students for our areas, we will continue to work to try to better the opportunities for students.

Infrastructure will be one of the biggest items this session, we are allocating over \$500 million of general funds this year for impact and infrastructure. Mostly roads but water and services as well. The bulk will be in the western counties where the oil impact has been felt the most, but the rest of the state will be getting extra money as well. We also have to remember that with the increased activities road money from gas tax and registration is up as well. The counties and cities and townships receive a share of that as well. Overall this biennia we will put out to political sub-divisions over 2.3 billion dollars. This is general fund equivalent for most services that the state funds parts of. Education, state aid distributions, highway funding from general funds or equivalent, senior service moneys, some of the human service issues.

We also have to remember that there is a lot of federal dollars which flow through the state to fund local issues as well, one of the biggest being social services of which a lot fall under our Medicaid match of around 55 percent federal.

So you can see we have many issues to deal with and it seems to be bigger dollars and more involved each time we meet, but the chance to work on these and other issues is rewarding as well as challenging. Keeping in mind that we work for you the citizens is one of the most important things an elected representative can do. I thank you for the chance to serve you and hope to hear from you if you have things you wish to pass on while we work to close out the session. You can reach me by leaving a message at 1-888-635-3447, e-mail jdelzer@nd.gov or by mail to state capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Bismarck ND 58505. I hope this finds all well and getting into spring ok.



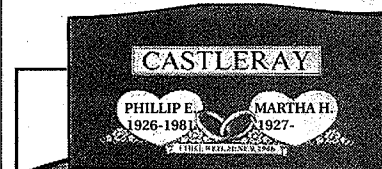
**Estherville Twp. meeting notice**

The Estherville Township Equalization meeting will be from 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the Regan School.  
Kathy Hausauer, clerk  
LN March 31, April 7, 2011

**Canfield Twp. meeting notice**

The Board of Equalization of Canfield Township will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 11, at the home of Rose Strand, clerk, 36401 184th St., Regan.  
Rose Strand, clerk  
LN March 31, April 7, 2011

on April 18, 2011, at 1:45 p.m., in the conference room of the McLean County Law Enforcement Center in Washburn, N.D., for the purpose of hearing and considering all testimony regarding an application submitted by Darrell Kinnischtzke of Washburn, N.D., requesting approval of a conditional use permit involving land located in Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 144, Range 91 West



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