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Please have the attached Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearings 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
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McVile 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 February 12 and before February 20 in the following papers:

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Grand Forks Herald
Lakota American
Finley, Steele County Press
New Rockford Transcript
Carrington, Foster Co. Independent
Cooperstown, Griggs Co. Courier
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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Do not publish in the classifieds.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 files, please call me at 328-4076 or email.

Thank You,

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**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

January 18, 2011

On September 7, 2011 the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 121 to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) designating a 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.

On December 2, 2011 Minnkota filed applications for a modification to the designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a transmission facility route to be designated within the modified corridor as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive requirements under N.D.C.C. chapter 49-22 that separate hearings be held concerning the waiver request, the corridor modification and the route permit.

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:**

February 22, 2012, 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.

February 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in the **Baker Courtroom at the UND School of Law, 215 Centennial Drive Stop 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58201**. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties

March 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at the **Chieftain Conference Center Teepee 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

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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