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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
345 kV Transmission Line – Center  
to Grand Forks – Siting Application  
Case No. PU-09-670**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please be advised that our client, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., has retained a court reporter for the public hearings scheduled for February 22 and 27, and March 1, 2012. The court reporter service's name, address, and phone number are as follows:

Ruth Ann Johnson Court Reporter Service  
600 DeMers Ave., Ste. 300  
P.O. Box 13723  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
Phone No. 701-775-4092

Ten (10) copies of this letter, as well as a CD with a copy of this letter in pdf format, are provided herewith. If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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