

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Case No. PU-09-670

EXHIBIT V

During the public hearings held in Washburn, North Dakota, and Carrington, North Dakota, on Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Minnkota") Route Permit Application, Mr. Ryan Weber testified regarding property owned by the Weber family in Section 32, Township 142 North, Range 82 West, Oliver County, North Dakota, that is proposed to be crossed by the Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project ("Project"). Mr. Weber testified that there is an unoccupied, but occupiable, home in the northeast quarter of Section 32.

Although not currently occupied, the Weber family has informed Minnkota that they plan to develop and further enhance the structure in Section 32. The route, as proposed in the Route Permit Application and at the public hearings, would place the centerline within 500 feet of the structure.

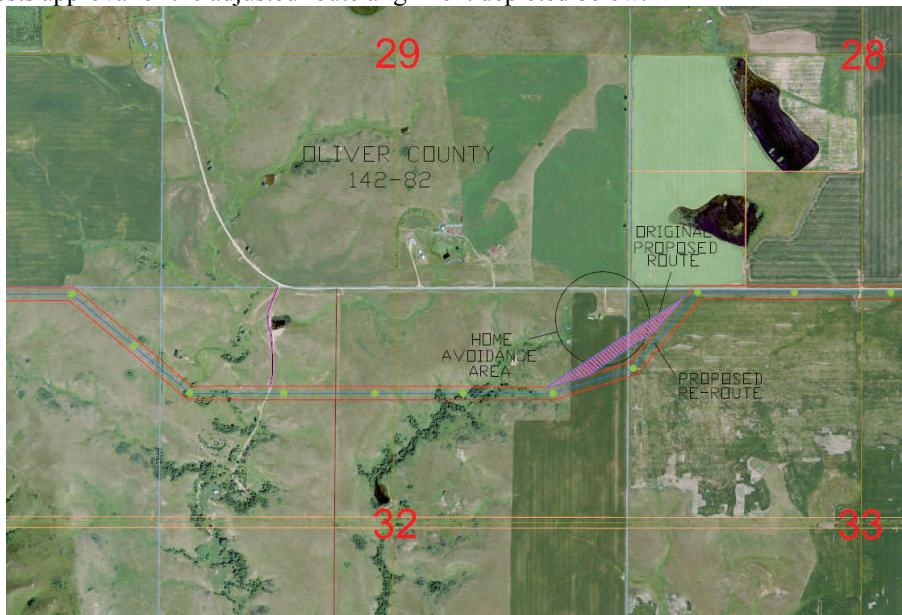
In order for the route centerline to be at least 500 feet from the structure identified by Mr. Weber in Section 32, Minnkota proposes a route adjustment that shifts the diagonal portion of the route in the northeastern quarter of Section 32 southward, which moves the route further from the structure.

With the proposed route adjustment:

- (a) No additional environmental impacts are anticipated. The proposed route adjustment would require a cultural resource survey; however, as noted during the testimony presented by Minnkota at the public hearings, and in Exhibit O, the Weber parcel has already been identified as a parcel requiring shovel testing during the spring of 2012.
- (b) No new landowners are involved.
- (c) The route centerline is more than 500 feet from the structure in Section 32.

The proposed route adjustment is the only alternative that places the centerline more than 500 feet from the structure in Section 32 without resulting in impacts to new landowners. As adjusted, the proposed route results in minimal impact to land use for the parcels crossed by this segment of the route.

Minnkota requests approval of the adjusted route alignment depicted below.



The following are pictures taken post-hearing that depict the structure in Section 32 referenced by Mr. Weber during his testimony.

