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John T. Graves
Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc.
1822 Mill Road, P.O. Box 13200
Grand Forks, ND 58208-3200

RE: Application S-1755, S-1756, S-1757, and S-1758, Construct a 345 kilovolt transmission line across the Missouri River, James River at two locations, and Sheyenne River.

Dear Mr. Graves:

Enclosed are your sovereign land authorizations to construct a transmission line across the Missouri River in Oliver and Burleigh Counties, the James River in Eddy and Wells Counties, and the Sheyenne River in Griggs County. No towers will be placed on sovereign lands and wires will be strung across the Missouri River with the use of a helicopter.

Construction will occur in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 142 North, Range 81 West, Oliver County and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 142 North, Range 81 West, Burleigh County; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 147 North, Range 72 West, Wells County; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 148 North, Range 65 West, Eddy County; and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 147 North, Range 58 West, Griggs County.

Also enclosed are copies of all the solicitation of views we received from other agencies on your project and a copy of NDDH "Construction and Environmental Disturbance Requirements". If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (701) 328-4935.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Heiser
Regulatory Section

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Enclosure