

November 13, 2013

VIA POSTAL SERVICE

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 Project
Case No. PU-09-670**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

This submittal is to provide the Commission with additional information on the accident that occurred October 14, 2013, at laydown yard B. To date, no incident report has been provided to Minnkota from Michels Corporation, the contractor involved in the accident. I am providing this information based upon conversations Minnkota staff has had with Michels' staff.

On Monday, October 14, 2013, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Rodney George was injured at laydown yard B. Mr. George was employed by Anderson Trucking, a subcontractor of TransAmerican Power Products, Inc. of Houston, Texas. Mr. George parked his truck in yard B so that his cargo (pole sections for the CGF power line) could be unloaded. Mr. George unstrapped the pole sections so that the contractor's staff could begin unloading. Mr. George was rolling up the straps on one side of the trailer, while the contractor's employees were attempting to unload the pole sections from the opposite side. A Michels employee, Richard Gray, was operating the forklift with the assistance of the foreman, Lonnie Van Gelder. During the unloading process the pole section fell off the trailer on the same side as Mr. George. When the pole section fell off, Mr. Van Gelder went to that side of the trailer and found Mr. George on the ground, having apparently been struck by the pole section. 911 was called and Mr. George was transported to a hospital by ambulance. Mr. George's current condition is not known at this time.

While I do not have an incident report at this time, if I am provided a report by the contractor, I will provide the same to the Commission.

If you have any additional questions please contact Michels Chief Legal Officer David Stegeman at Michels' corporate office in Brownsville, WI. 920-924-4328 or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Hennes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Mr. Jerry Lein (*via e-mail*)