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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your September 22, 2010 letter notifying the Commission that Minnkota Power Cooperative intends to make additions and modifications to the Center 345 kV Substation in Oliver County, North Dakota. This matter has been docketed in NDPSC Case No. PU-10-595.

This letter is to acknowledge that Minnkota has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that: (1) the work proposed falls within the Coyote-Center 345 kV Transmission Project boundaries established by Corridor Certificate No. 18 issued by the Commission on August 14, 1978 in Case No. 9698 and Route Permit No. 26 issued by the Commission on August 27, 1979 in Case No. 9891; (2) the work proposed does not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and (3) Minnkota will comply with all applicable conditions and protections set forth in the North Dakota siting laws and rules, as well as the Commission's previously issued Orders for the Coyote-Center 345 kV Transmission Project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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