

State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

Notes from Preconstruction Conference Notice of Construction Commencement Date

ALLETE, Inc. d/b/a Minnesota Power
230 kV Transmission Line / Morton, Oliver and Mercer Counties
Case No. PU-11-620

Minnesota Power hereby provides the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“PSC”) and the PSC’s third party inspector (Wenck Inc.) notice that it will commence construction on or about September 3, 2013 for the Southwest Oliver 230 kV Transmission Line Project in Morton, Oliver and Mercer Counties.

In accordance with North Dakota Public Service Commission’s (PSC) Certification Relating to Order Provisions, Point 2, Mr. Jerry Lein from the PSC conducted a preconstruction conference call with Minnesota Power on August 13, 2013 at approximately 3:00 P.M. Attendees from Minnesota Power were the following: Ken Benoit, Mark Wolcott, Amber Nelson and Dan McCourtney. Mr. Lein and representatives of Minnesota Power discussed each Order point of the PSC’s Order dated March 30, 2012. Except as noted below, there was no further discussion or clarification necessary on specific Order points.

2. Dan McCourtney is the designated Minnesota Power representative and Ken Benoit and Mark Wolcott are the designated construction supervisors. Jerry Lein is the PSC staff member. Kevin Magstadt of Winck Inc. was the PSC’s third party inspector.
4. Minnesota Power has obtained approval for all required permits. In conjunction with these notes and Notice of Construction Commencement Date, Minnesota Power will provide to the PSC the Oliver County Building Permit. Minnesota Power will provide the PSC with the required Storm Water Permit prior beginning construction.
5. Minnesota Power and Mr. Lein discussed expectations for the weekly construction report and notification procedures. Also, it was clarified that Minnesota Power could combine the weekly construction reports for the Bison 4 Wind Facility (Case No. PU-13-127) with the Southwest Oliver 230 kV Transmission Line construction reports so long as each project is designated on the weekly report. Copies of the construction reports should be distributed to ndpsc@nd.gov, Jerry Lein at jlein@nd.gov and Kevin Magstadt of Wenck Inc. at kmagstadt@wenck.com.
33. Minnesota Power has provided the PSC with both an electronic and paper copy of the corridor approved by the commission. Minnesota Power is required to provide the PSC with an electronic version of the approved corridor that can be imported into ESRI GIS mapping software.