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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard; Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Basin Electric Power Cooperative's
Williston Tie Project
Case No. (PU-11-692)

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Basin Electric Power (Basin Electric) Cooperative submits the following to describe the current construction status of our Williston Tie Project to the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

As you may recall, the project had three project segments: A, B and C.

Segment A consists of 1.6 miles of 345/115-kV double circuit transmission line. All transmission structures are in place and Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's 115-kV conductor was strung and was placed in service to support their Stateline 115-kV Transmission Project. The 345-kV conductor will be strung in 2014/2015 timeline, after Basin Electric receives the necessary approvals for the AVS to Neset 345-kV Transmission Project (PU-11-696).

Segment B consists of approximately 2.1 mile of 230/115-kV double circuit transmission line. All structures have been installed on this segment and both the 115 and 230-kV conductors were strung. Again, only the 115-kV conductor was energized.

Segment C consists of approximately 0.6 miles of 230-kV single circuit transmission line. No structures or conductor were installed in 2012. The placement of the 230-kV structures and stringing of the 230-kV conductor will occur in the 2024/2015 timeline when the larger AVS to Neset 345-kV Transmission Project is initiated.

Right-of-way clean-up has been completed for all areas disturbed to support the 2012 work effort. Basin Electric has identified disturbed grassland areas that will require re-vegetative efforts and re-seeding will be performed in the spring of 2013 when weather permits. The grassland areas are located in Section 15 of T154N; R102W and Section 23 of T154N; R101W.

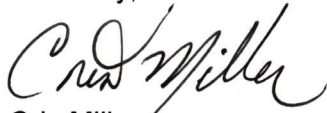
A subsequent Project Status Report will be submitted when the re-vegetation effort has been completed in 2013. The Project's as-built drawings will be submitted when the remaining structures and conductor have been installed.

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Should you or any of your staff have any questions or require additional information, please refer any inquiries regarding this filing to me at (701) 557-5635.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cris Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cris Miller
Senior Environmental Project Administrator

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