

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345/230 kV Transmission Line – Williams County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-11-692

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
September 30, 2015**

On May 16, 2012, the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 134 and Route Permit No. 145 to Basin Electric Power Cooperative authorizing construction of approximately 2.1 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and approximately 1.6 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota.

On June 23, 2015, Basin Electric filed an amendment requesting minor corridor and route modifications to facilitate connection of the project into the Western Area Power Administration's Williston Substation.

On July 8, 2015 the Commission issued found Basin electric's amendment application complete and issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until August 14, 2015 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed amended facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed amended facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed amended facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Basin Electric's proposed corridor and route modifications extend through portions of two sections: T154N, R101W, S24 and T154N, R102W, S24 and would shorten the previously-approved route alignment by approximately 34.5 feet. The modifications include double circuit structures along a portion of the line to accommodate a future 230 kV transmission line planned for interconnection into the substation.

No impacts are anticipated on any avoidance or exclusion areas. The State Historical Society of North Dakota reviewed the modifications and concurred with a determination of no historic properties affected.

The location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota.

The proposed facilities are compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

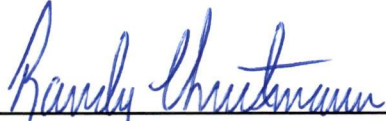
The proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion.

The proposed project is of such design, location, and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects.

Order

The Commission Orders First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 134 and First Amended Route Permit No. 145 are issued to Basin Electric Power Cooperative authorizing its proposed route and corridor modifications.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann
Commissioner



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Chairman



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Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 134

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Basin Electric Power Cooperative for the construction of approximately 0.2 miles of 230 kV, 1.9 miles of double circuit 230/115 kV and 1.6 miles of double circuit 345/115 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Orders of this Commission dated May 16, 2012 and September 30, 2015 in Case No. PU-11-692 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 30, 2015.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

First Amended Route Permit Number 145

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Basin Electric Power Cooperative for the construction of approximately 0.2 miles of 230 kV, 1.9 miles of double circuit 230/115 kV and 1.6 miles of double circuit 345/115 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota.

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