

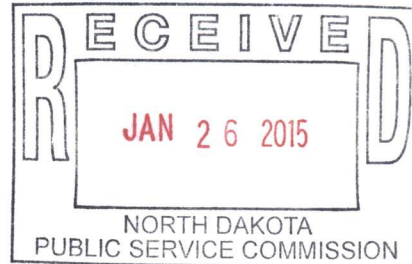
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January 26, 2015

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard; Dept. 408  
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Re: Case No. PU-11-696  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project  
Notification of Underground Utility Incident

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

The following is a written report to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) of the January 29, 2015, verbal notification made to Mr. Jerry Lein of a disruption of telephone service by excavation operation on Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin Electric) AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project.

The Charlie Creek Substation project area had requested and received a response from the North Dakota One-Call notification (Request# 14181394).

In the evening of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, in the immediate area of the control building which is located within Basin Electric's Charlie Creek Substation, our contractor was excavating for a new cable chase and inadvertently interrupted Consolidated Telephone's underground telephone service to the control building. Consequently, construction activity outside of the control building area was halted.

Consolidated Telephone was notified and repairs were made on January 23, 2015. Basin Electric has in place other communication equipment available for substation and transmission system controls. There was no risk for disruption in electrical transmission service of the Charlie Creek Substation.

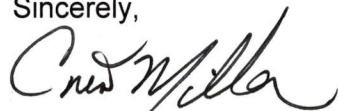
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Basin Electric will begin work in this area upon clearance from the Commission.

Should you have any further questions or require any additional information please contact me at 701.557.5635 or by email at [cmiller@bepc.com](mailto:cmiller@bepc.com) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cris Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cris" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

Cris Miller  
Senior Environmental Project Specialist

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cc: Jerry Lein  
Casey Jacobson  
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Lucas Teigen