

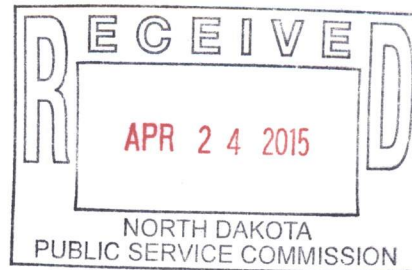
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April 24, 2015

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: Notification of Survey Results
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project
Case No. PU-11-696

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (**Commission**) approved a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 152 and Route Permit Number 164 for Basin Electric Power Cooperative's AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project in Case PU-11-696.

Provision Number 13 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions required communicating the presence of threatened habitat or threatened species that was not previously reported to the Commission.

In the project's pursuit of complying with the United State Fish and Wildlife Service's survey requirements for avian species, a Sprague's Pipit (Candidate Specie) was recently located within our project area. In order to not jeopardize the continued existence of the Sprague's Pipit, the project will avoid any construction related disturbance in the grassland parcel where the Sprague's Pipit was located thru the end of their breeding season, which is August 1, 2015. This construction timing restriction affects seven structures on Line 298 (Charlie Creek-Judson) and more specifically located between the Charlie Creek and Patent Gate Substations.

For inquiries regarding this request, please contact me at (701) 557-5635 or by e-mail at cmiller@bepc.com.

Sincerely,

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Update on avian species survey