

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345 kV Trans. Line - Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-11-696

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

September 2, 2015

On April 23, 2014, the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 152 and Route Permit No. 164 to Basin Electric Power Cooperative authorizing approximately 197 miles of 345 kV and 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities extending from the Antelope Valley Station (AVS) near Beulah to the Neset Substation near Tioga, North Dakota.

On July 22, 2015, Basin Electric filed an amendment requesting minor corridor and route modifications in T153N, R101W, Sections 21 & 28 in McKenzie County. Basin requests to relocate a structure a distance of 75 feet because of steep slopes at the present location. The relocation requires slight modification to the designated corridor and slight adjustments to the location of four additional structures.

On July 29, 2015, the Commission found the amendment complete and issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing, which provided until September 1, 2015 for receiving written comments or 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?

On July 28, 2015, Basin Electric filed a separate request for approval of additional transmission line structure relocations within the designated corridor in McKenzie County.

No impact is anticipated on any exclusion area. Avoidance area impacts would be less with removal of the structure from a geologically unstable area. The State Historical Society of North Dakota reviewed the structure relocation and has 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 will 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:

1. Third Amended Corridor Certificate No. 152 and Third Amended Route Permit No. 164 are issued to Basin Electric Power Cooperative authorizing its proposed route and corridor modifications.
2. Basin Electric's requests filed July 22, 2015 and July 28, 2015 for approval of transmission line structure relocations within the designated corridor are approved.

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Randy Christmann Commissioner	Julie Fedorchak Chairman	Brian P. Kalk Commissioner
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**Third Amended
Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 152**

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Basin Electric Power Cooperative for approximately 197 miles of new, high voltage 345 kV and 230 kV alternating current transmission line and associated facilities extending from Basin Electric's existing Antelope Valley Station and terminating at the Neset 230 kV Substation located near Tioga, North Dakota

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of this Commission dated April 23, 2014 and Supplemental Orders dated September 17, 2014, March 11, 2015 and September 2, 2015 in Case No. PU-11-696 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 2, 2015.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner

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**Third Amended
Route Permit Number 164**

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Basin Electric Power Cooperative for approximately 197 miles of new, high voltage 345 kV and 230 kV alternating current transmission line and associated facilities extending from Basin Electric's existing Antelope Valley Station and terminating at the Neset 230 kV Substation located near Tioga, North Dakota

This permit is issued in accordance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of this Commission dated April 23, 2014 and Supplemental Orders dated September 17, 2014, March 11, 2015 and September 2, 2015 in Case No. PU-11-696 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 2, 2015.

ATTEST:

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