

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Allete, Inc.
250kV DC Trans. Line Reroute- Kidder & Stutsman
Ctys.
Siting Application

Case No. PU-13-103

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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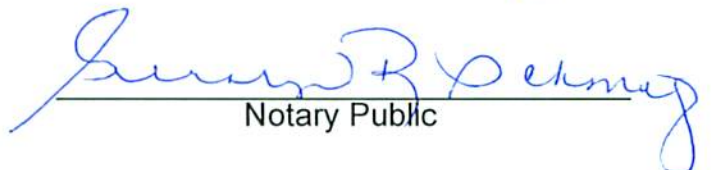
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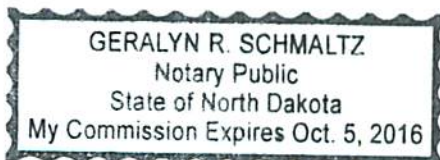


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 31st day of **July, 2013**.



Notary Public

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NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

July 30, 2013

On June 17, 2013 Minnesota Power, an Operating Division of ALLETE, Inc. filed applications for a corridor certificate, route permit and a waiver of procedures and time schedules authorizing the rerouting of approximately 0.7 miles of existing 250 kV DC electric transmission line around a wetland in Township 140N, Range 68, Section 16 in Stutsman County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

Minnesota Power requests the Commission waive procedures and time schedules set forth in North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow for consolidated applications for corridor certificate and route permit. On July 8, 2013, Minnesota Power filed an amendment to its application for waiver of procedures and time schedules requesting the Commission waive the requirement to hold a public hearing on its applications.

The issues to be considered in Minnesota Power's application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?


The issues to be considered in Minnesota Power's applications for certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will 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?

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by September 4, 2013.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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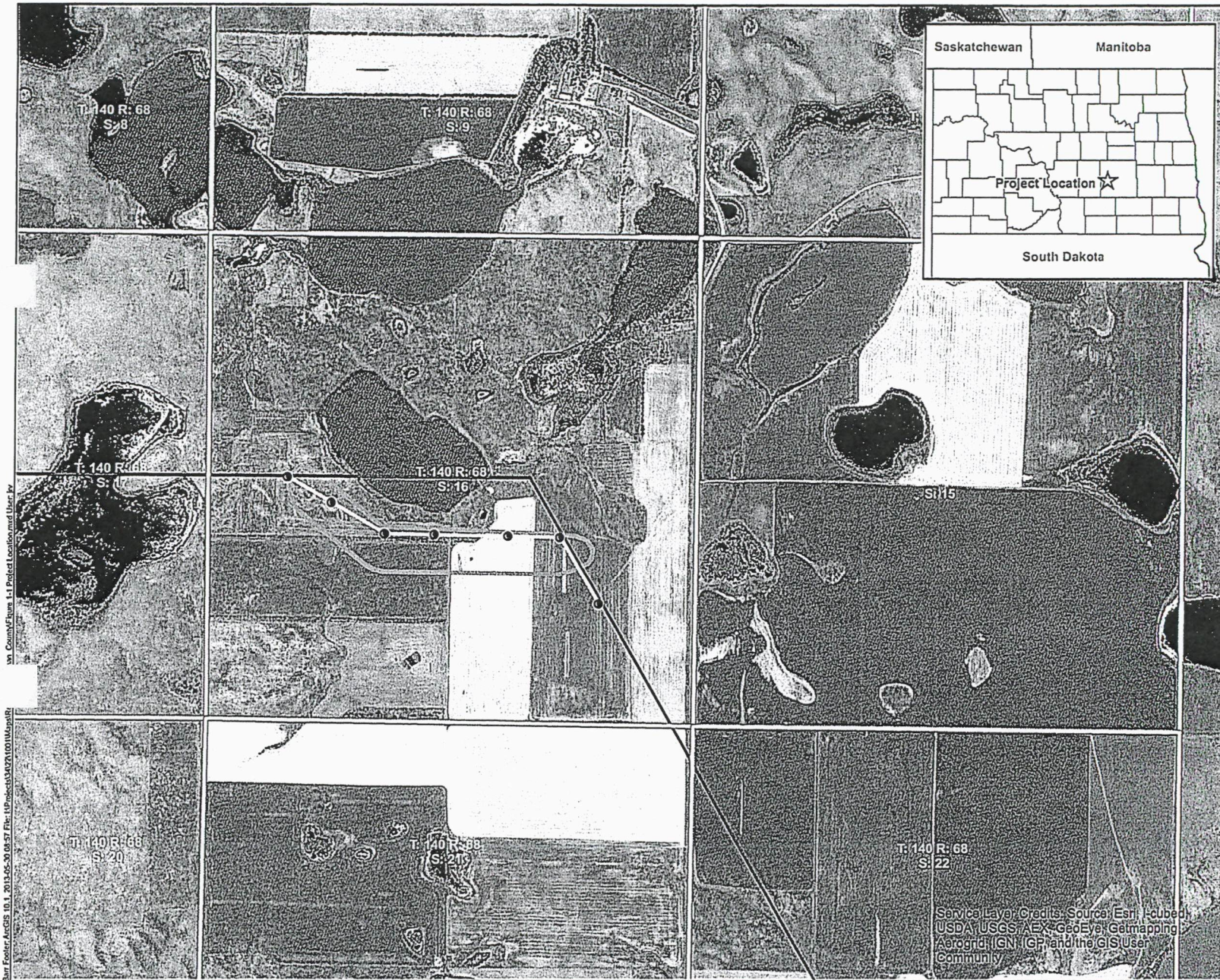
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Commissioner



Brian P. Kalk
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner



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- Reroute Structures
- Reroute Centerline
- Existing Line
- ▭ Study Area
- ▭ PLS Section Within 1 Mile

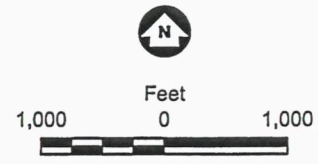


Figure 1-1

PROJECT LOCATION MAP
STUTSMAN COUNTY SEGMENT
 Proposed 250kV Reroute
 Minnesota Power
 Stutsman County, ND

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