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VIA EMAIL: NDPSC@ND.GOV



Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
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RE: Bison 4 Wind Project
Oliver/Morton Counties
Siting Application
Case No. PU-13-127

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Minnesota Power's Bison 4 Overhead Incident Report in the above-referenced case.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Attachment

c: [Houston Engineering \(email-ebaskerville@houstoneng.com\)](mailto:Houston Engineering (email-ebaskerville@houstoneng.com))
Mike Pontius, Minnesota Power

Bison 4 Overhead Line Incident Report

Case No. PU-13-127

On September 29, 2014 crews were relocating a rubber tired crane when it hit the neutral conductor on a 7200 volt distribution line. No one was injured, no one lost power, and Rough Rider Cooperative made repairs within 1.5 hours of the incident.

The following information is from the internal incident report:

During the process of operating the Grove 9150ERT crane performing a mobilizing from site T-444 to West Laydown Yard the crane boom made contact with the neutral 7200V (7.2 KV) single phase overhead power line. There were no Injuries. Equipment was in good working order with no deficiencies windows were clean. The lead escort failed to recognize the overhead power line causing the line strike.

The escort was terminated by Wanzek. Further precautions are being implemented to ensure that this type of incident is not repeated to include only foreman and above can escort cranes, overhead line signage will be revised for increased clarity, and a mock run will be made with the operator in a vehicle prior to performing the crane move.