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**RE: Case No. PU-13-540: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. Center to Mandan 230 kV
Transmission Line Rebuild Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Graves,

Thank you for your June 28, 2013 letter notifying the Commission of Minnkota's rebuild of its Center to Mandan 230 kV transmission line. You reported that several segments of the line do not meet minimum NESC clearance requirements while load flow studies indicate a need for increased line ratings. Minnkota plans to begin construction in August 2013.

This letter is to acknowledge that Minnkota has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that:

- (1) The rebuild activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area as defined under the North Dakota Administrative Code subsections 69-06-08-02(1) and
- (2) Minnkota will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in applicable North Dakota siting laws and rules and Commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

Please notify the Commission when the construction is complete and the NESC clearance requirements have been met. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
701 328-1035

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Letter acknowledging exclusion certification

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