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Jerry Lein
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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

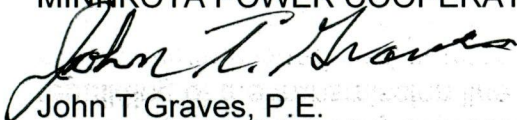
Dear Mr. Lein:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 9, 2013, concerning the above referenced project. Minnkota has restored all line-to-ground clearance distances on all spans of the line to meet the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code. However, due to difficulty in procuring a contractor and inclement weather this fall, the rebuilding of the transmission line will not be able to be accomplished this year. This work will be accomplished next summer. In the interim, in order to prevent the transmission line rating from being exceeded under certain operating conditions, a previously imposed Special Protection System will continue in place until the line rebuild is complete.

We will notify the Commission when the project is complete. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at 701-795-4221 or at jgraves@minnkota.com.

Yours truly,

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.



John T Graves, P.E.
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Response to letter acknowledging exclusion certification

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

John Graves, P.E.