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**RE: Case No. PU-16-630
Center to Mandan 230 kV Upgrade
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Graves:

Thank you for your September 2, 2016 letter notifying the Commission of Minnkota's intent to upgrade its Center to Mandan 230 kV transmission line from the new Roughrider Substation to the Mandan substation.

This letter is to acknowledge that the Commission has received Minnkota's filing of written certifications under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) for the project.

Best regards,

Jerry Lein
Staff Engineer