

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company
Min-Kota Ag Products, Inc. – Richland County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-17-96

**NOTICE OF HEARING
July 26, 2017**

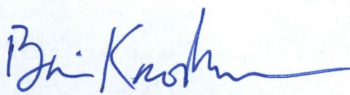
Please take notice that a **public hearing** on Case No. PU-17-96 will begin **Monday, October 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. CDT, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

On February 27, 2017, Otter Tail Power Company filed an application to extend electric service to Minn-Kota Ag Products, Inc. at a location in the NE ¼ of Section 10, T 132N, R 50W, Richland County, North Dakota. On March 31, 2017, a Protest and Request for Hearing was received from Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. The issues to be considered in these matters are:

1. From whom does the customer prefer electric service?
2. What electric suppliers are operating in the general area?
3. What electric supply lines exist within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served, and when were they constructed?
4. What customers are served by electric suppliers within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served?
5. What are the differences, if any, between the electric suppliers available to serve the area with respect to reliability of service?
6. Which of the available electric suppliers will be able to serve the location in question more economically and still earn an adequate return on its investment?
7. Which supplier's extended electric service would best serve orderly and economic development of electric service in the general area?
8. Would approval of the applications result in wasteful duplication of investment or service?
9. Is it probable that the location in question will be included within the corporate limits of a municipality within the foreseeable future?
10. Will service by either of the electric supplier in the area unreasonably interfere with the service or system of the other?

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 at least 24 hours in advance.

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