

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Great River Energy / Nexus Line, LLC
Transfer Certificate #2 and Permit #1
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-21-326

Order

September 1, 2021

Preliminary Statement

On April 8, 1976, the Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor, Certificate No. 2, to Cooperative Power Association and United Power Association (CPA-UPA). Certificate No. 2 was issued in accordance with the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated March 6, 1976 entered in Case No. 9322. The Commission designated a corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 252.4 mile, 400 kilovolt direct current electric transmission line in McLean, Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, LaMoure, Ransom, Sargent, and Richland Counties of North Dakota.

On February 28, 1977, the Commission issued Permit for the Construction of a Transmission Facility, Permit No. 1, to CPA-UPA. Permit No. 1 was issued in accordance with the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order dated December 17, 1976 entered in Case No. 9370. The Commission designated a route within the designated corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 252.4 mile, 400 kVDC electric transmission line from the Coal Creek Generating Station located four miles south of Underwood, in McLean County, North Dakota, to a point on the North Dakota-Minnesota border in Richland County, North Dakota.

On July 12, 2021, Great River Energy (successor to Cooperative Power Association and United Power Association) and Nexus Line, LLC submitted a joint application for the transfer of Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 2 and Route Permit Number 1 to Nexus Line, LLC, Case No. PU-21-326.

On July 22, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) that provided until August 23, 2021, for comments or requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were filed. The Notice stated that the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-21-326 are:

1. whether Nexus Line, LLC agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2 and Route Permit No. 1, and

By the affidavit of Stacy Tschider, President of Nexus Line, LLC, states that Nexus Line, LLC agrees to assume the rights and obligations of GRE with respect to Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2 and Route Permit No. 1, agrees to comply with the conditions and limitations set forth in the Commission's March 6, 1976 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2 in Case No. 9322, and agrees to comply with the conditions and limitations set forth in the Commission's December 17, 1977 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Route Permit No. 1 in Case No. 9370.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds Nexus Line, LLC agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2, Route Permit No. 1, and the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Therefore, the Commission issues its:

Order

The Commission orders:

1. The joint application of Great River Energy and Nexus Line, LLC for the transfer of Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2 and Route Permit 1 is APPROVED.
2. First Reissued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 2 is issued to Nexus Line, LLC.
3. First Reissued Route Permit No. 1 is issued to Nexus Line, LLC.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Randy Christmann
Commissioner


Julie Fedorchak
Chair


Brian Kroshus
Commissioner

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Reissued
Corridor Certificate Number 2

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Nexus Line, LLC for the construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 252.4 miles of 400kV DC electrical transmission line and associated facilities in McLean, Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, LaMoure, Ransom, Sargent, and Richland County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Commission's March 6, 1976, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Case No. 9322 and reissued by the Commission's September 1, 2021 Order in Case No. PU-21-326 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 1, 2021.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Reissued
Route Permit Number 1

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Nexus Line, LLC for the construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 252.4 miles of 400kV DC electric transmission line and associated facilities in McLean, Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, LaMoure, Ransom, Sargent, and Richland County, North Dakota.

This permit is issued in accordance with the Commission's December 17, 1976, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Case No. 9370 and reissued by the Commission's September 1, 2021 Order in Case No. PU-21-326 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 1, 2021.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner