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June 21, 2024

Kacey Borin  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
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RE: 345 kV Transmission Line Structure Replacement – Case No. PU-24-238

Dear Ms. Borin:

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s. (Minnkota) 345 kV transmission line structure replacement project consists of replacing thirteen 345 kV lattice structures on Minnkota's Center to Fargo 365 kV line (Project) with work to begin in August 2024.

On June 17, 2024, Minnkota filed a Certification and documentation under NDCC Section 49-22-03(3)(c) notifying the Commission of the Project.

Prior to beginning construction activities on the Project, please provide a filing to the Commission that is responsive to the following requests/questions.

- 1.1 Please provide copies of all field surveys for cultural resources and a copy of the concurrence letter from the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office.
- 1.2 Please provide all copies of letters from the North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office, including a copy of their letter offering their determination of how the Piping Plovers will or will not be affected by the Project.
- 1.3 Provide a revised certification stating that Minnkota intends to follow all recommendations of the North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office regarding affects to the Piping Plover. This certification should be responsive to North Dakota Century Code 49-22-03(3)(c).

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- 1.4 Will Minnkota follow all recommendations made by the North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office regarding effects to the Piping Plover? If yes, please provide the list.
- 1.5 Please provide copies of all letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stating that the wetlands are not jurisdictional.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Renfandt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Renfandt  
Analyst