

**Combined Application for Certificate of Corridor
Compatibility and Route Permit**

Appendix D

**Policies and Commitments Statement to Limit
Environmental Impacts**

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY

Policy Name: Environmental Compliance and Stewardship
Policy Number: 7-30
Effective Date: September 28, 2017
Last Review: January 26, 2023

POLICY STATEMENT:

To set forth Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s (Minnkota) Board of Directors' expectations as to Minnkota's environmental compliance and stewardship.

PURPOSE:

To establish the Board of Directors' goals and principles to be followed by Minnkota staff to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal environmental requirements as they are applicable to the activities of Minnkota.

EXPECTATIONS:

Minnkota staff shall plan, construct and operate Minnkota's facilities to provide its members with an adequate and reliable power supply that is compatible with the natural environment and, in all instances, in a manner that is compliant with environmental regulation. Environmental concerns shall be placed in proper perspective with other vital issues such as safety, reliability and cost. Minnkota staff shall explore alternative action to minimize adverse environmental effects. Furthermore, Minnkota staff shall carefully assess the potential impact of their actions on physical, natural and aesthetic resources in order to avoid adverse environmental effects and to restore or enhance environmental quality to the extent reasonably practicable. Staff shall endeavor to avoid actions, which unreasonably contribute to pollution of the air, water or land, threaten health and public welfare, damage ecological systems of Flora or Fauna, curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment, or serve short-term objectives to the detriment of long-term and environmental goals.

Staff shall also avoid actions, which might be detrimental to or diminish public enjoyment of existing or planned recreation resources, or resources of historic and scenic value. Staff shall endeavor to avoid actions, which might conflict with existing or contemplated land-use planning policies or appropriate governmental bodies, or with other public services.

Minnkota shall fulfill its responsibilities in an environmentally-aware and environmentally responsible manner, and to take affirmative action to actively cooperate with groups interested in environmental resources and to keep the public informed of significant construction plans. In implementing this policy on environmental stewardship, Minnkota will be guided by the environmental criteria, rules and permits issued by agencies of the federal, state and local governments in all areas in which it operates.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Board of Directors working through the President & CEO shall ensure that this policy is properly implemented to accomplish the outlined objectives and the Board shall review this policy periodically.

Executed:

Signature on File Chairman
