

August 26, 2024

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Milton R. Young Transmission Line Reroute Project in Oliver County, North Dakota Case No. PU-24-___

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. are two (2) copies of this letter and the following documents:

1. Application for Protection of Information;
2. Milton Young Transmission Line Reroute: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver County, North Dakota (NON-PUBLIC); and
3. Tundra Project Extra Workspaces: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver County, North Dakota (NON-PUBLIC).

Electronic copies of this letter and the enclosed documents were filed with the Commission today via e-mail. Electronic and hard copies of the redacted public version of the above-referenced reports are being provided under separate cover.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Victor Schock (via e-mail)
Brian Johnson (via e-mail)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE,
INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND
ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE MILTON R.
YOUNG TRANSMISSION LINE REROUTE
IN OLIVER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. PU-24-____

**Application of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.,
for Protection of Information**

Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (“NDAC”) § 69-02-09-01, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (“MPC”) submits this application to protect from disclosure certain confidential information filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-captioned matter. The purpose of this application for protection of information is to protect from public disclosure cultural resource location information pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (“NDCC”) § 49-22-26 (“The [C]ommission may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.”).

Specifically, MPC requests that protection be given to the cultural resource location information contained in the cultural resource reports in Appendix E. Specifically, MPC requests that the reports be available only to the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, the Commission’s siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge (should one be designated).

Two (2) hard copies and electronic versions of the unredacted, nonpublic versions of *Milton Young Transmission Line Reroute: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver County, North Dakota* and *Tundra Project Extra Workspaces: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Oliver County, North Dakota* are being provided with this request. No cultural

resource GIS data is provided, as no resources were identified in the Project Corridor or workspace areas. The redacted public versions of the cultural reports are provided in Appendix E to MPC's Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, filed concurrently.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2024.

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