

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Milton R. Young Transmission Line Reroute – Oliver
Siting Application

Case No. PU-24-321

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **27th day of August 2024**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

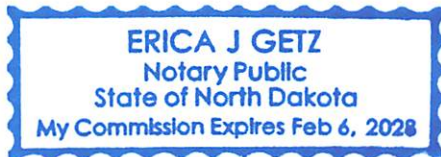
- **Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **27th day of August 2024**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geralyn R. Schmaltz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica J Getz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

On August 26, 2024, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) filed an applications for a corridor certificate, route permit and a waiver of procedures and time schedules authorizing the rerouting of two existing 230 kV electric transmission lines approximately 1,309 feet south of their current locations to accommodate Project Tundra. The proposed rerouted corridor and route are within Township 141 North, Range 83 West, Sections 4 and 5 in Oliver County, North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive procedures and ties schedules under North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow consolidated applications for corridor certificate and route permit and waive the requirement to hold a public hearing.

The issues to be considered in Minnkota's application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in Minnkota's applications for certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit are:

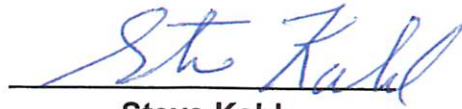
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must**

be received by September 23, 2024. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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.

Issued: August 26, 2024
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Steve Kahl
Executive Secretary

FIGURE 2: 230 kV TUNDRA REROUTE: LAND USE MAP

Blair County, North Dakota



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| <p>STRUCTURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Existing Pole ○ Proposed pole ○ Poles to be Removed | <p>230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Existing Line — Line to be Removed — Proposed Line | <p>230 kV TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Right of Way (600 FT) Boundary of MPC ROW to be Retired (600 FT) Study Area Proposed Study Corridor (300 FT) | <p>OTHER POLYGONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-route Laydown and Staging Area Line Tensioning Area Boundary of MPC Owned Parcels Study Area PLSS Sections | <p>LAND COVER TYPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crops / Hay Grazed Industrial/Disturbed Landscaped / Undeveloped Open Water Roads / Roadsides | <p>Wetlands / Riparian</p> |
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SOURCES
Land Cover Type: Derived from internal analysis of aerial imagery and field observations.