

Memorandum

To: Steve Kahl - Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock – Director of Public Utilities

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Date: March 5, 2025

Re: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345kV Mercer-McLean-Ward-Mountrail-Williams Cty, Case No. PU-24-361

On October 24, 2024, Basin Electric Power Cooperative filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 162-mile 345-kV electrical transmission located in Mercer, McLean, Ward, Mountrail, and Williams Counties, ND. The project will originate at the Leland Olds Station (LOS) 345-kV substation located near LOS near Stanton, North Dakota and will terminate at the Tande 345-kV substation near Tioga, ND.

On January 30, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearing, scheduling hearings on February 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Carl Bader Hall (Gymnasium), Underwood City Hall, 88 Lincoln Ave, Underwood, ND 58576 and March 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at Mountrail County South Complex, 8103 61st St NW, Stanley, ND 58784.

On February 26, 2025, after the conclusion of the hearing in Underwood, ND, the Commission learned that a publication error occurred, and the Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearing did not publish twice in the Hazen Star as required in North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-13(4).

Upon learning of the failed publication, the Commission immediately postponed the Stanley hearing and began working to schedule new hearings that comply with publication requirements.

On March 5, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Hearings, scheduling hearings on March 31, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time at the Carl Bader Hall (Gymnasium), Underwood City Hall, 88 Lincoln Ave, Underwood, ND 58576 and April 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at Mountrail County South Complex, 8103 61st St NW, Stanley, ND 58784.