

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345kV Mercer-McLean-Ward-Mountrail-Williams Cty
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-24-361

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On October 24, 2024, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) filed a consolidated application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit (Application) concerning approximately 162 miles of 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities (Project) in Mercer, McLean, Ward, Mountrail, and Williams Counties, North Dakota.

On April 22, 2025, the Commission adopted the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 237 and Route Permit Number 248 related to the Project.

On August 12, 2025, Basin filed an Amendment to the Application proposing two reroutes for the Project. Both reroutes are located in Mountrail County. The first reroute is approximately 4,000 feet in length, starts in Township 152 North, Range 88 West, Section 7 just west of Tower 377-501 and extends to Township 153 North, Range 88 West, Section 33 at Tower 377-512. The second reroute is approximately 4,500 feet in length and starts in Township 154 North, Range 93 West, Section 25 at Tower 378-081 and extends to Township 154 North, Range 93 West, Section 11 at Tower 378-101.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location 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 October 3, 2025.** 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.

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