

NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative Consolidated
Application for a Certificate of Corridor
Compatibility and Route Permit**

Case No. PU-24-361

**345-kV Mercer McLean-Ward-Mountrail-
Williams Cty (Leland Olds Station to Tande
345-kV Transmission Project)**

**DECLARATION OF JACOB ESTVOLD IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

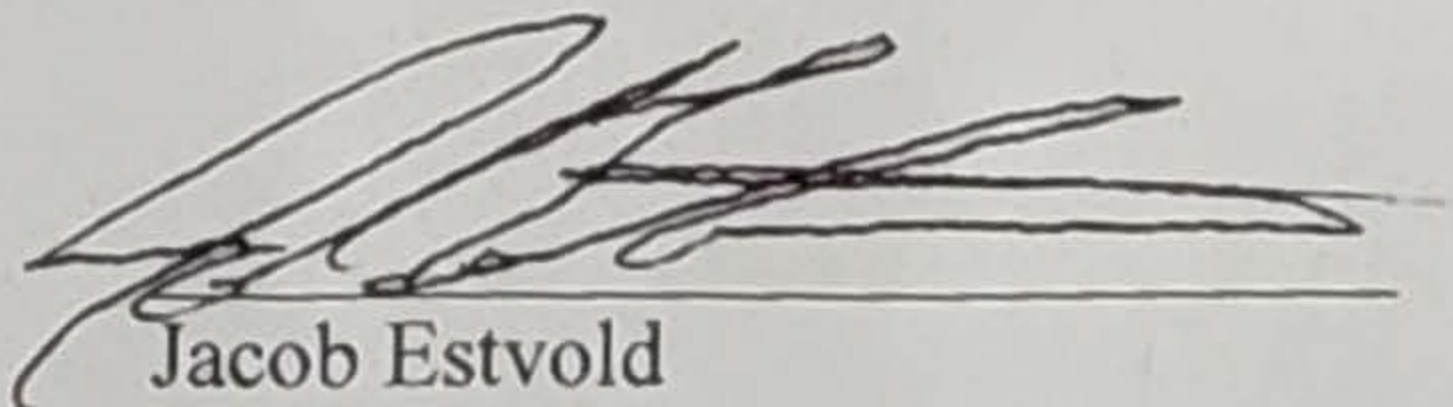
1. I own the NE1/4, SE1/4, and E1/2 of the W1/2 of Section 26 less 2.5 acres, and the S1/2 of Section 25, Township 153N, R92W.
2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint (with exhibits) served on me by Basin Electric Cooperative.
3. I voluntarily granted Basin Electric Cooperative (“Basin”) an easement to construct the transmission line, and I also voluntarily granted Basin an additional access easement it requested for special access to the transmission line easement corridor. A Memorandum of the Easement and Right of Way Agreement (“Memorandum”) is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A. Also attached to that Memorandum are two survey plats with metes and bounds descriptions, as Exhibits A and B to the Memorandum (respectively), showing the route of the transmission line easement and the original access easement I granted.
4. Although I voluntarily granted Basin the transmission line easement and the additional access easement it requested, after construction of the facilities on my land, Basin came

to me, asking for second access easement after it had already negotiated for a specific access to my property and used that access for construction.

5. When Basin came to me asking for the second access easement, Basin did not tell me any honest reason it needed the additional access, and it said nothing about how it was in front of the PSC providing the PSC more notice and information about this access than it gave me, nor did it tell me anything about the Dakota Skipper habitat on my property it apparently now claims is an issue (I do not believe it is).
6. I asked my landman, Travis Sauber, to attempt to negotiate with Basin regarding the second access easement, and he will provide additional details in a separate declaration regarding that attempted negotiation, which quickly ended with Basin suing me.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 20th day of October, 2025 in New Town, North Dakota.



Jacob Estvold