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VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

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 Transmission Facility Route Permit Agassiz Transmission Line and Substation in Cass County, ND Case No. PU-26-___

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On behalf of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., please find enclosed for filing an Application for Protection of Information related to protection of cultural resource information in the above referenced matter.

One copy of the protected *Class I and Class II Cultural Resource Investigation for the Applied Digital Communications Project, Cass County, North Dakota* is enclosed herewith pursuant to NDAC § 69-02-09-02(2). Electronic and hard copies of the redacted public portion of the Consolidated Application have been submitted separately.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Bennett L. Johnson

cc: Shannon Mikula, Minnkota Power Cooperative
Kara Laframboise, Minnkota Power Cooperative

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 AGASSIZ
TRANSMISSION LINE AND
SUBSTATION IN CASS COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. PU-26-_____

**APPLICATION OF MINNKOTA POWER COOPERTIVE, 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 report in Appendix C. Specifically, MPC request the cultural resource report be available only to the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, the Commission’s siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge (when designated).

MPC is providing an unredacted, non-public version of the *Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Investigation for the Applied Digital Fargo Communications Project, Cass*

County, North Dakota with this request. The redacted public version of the cultural resource report is provided in Appendix C to MPC's Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, filed concurrently.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2026.

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