

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Agassiz Transmission Line & Substation Project—Cass Cty  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-26-22**

**PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO START CONSTRUCTION**

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (MPC) hereby provides the Commission with written notice of its intent to start construction on the above-referenced project, beyond those construction activities authorized under the temporary variance for construction approved April 15, 2026, beginning May 18, 2026 or shortly thereafter.

Preconstruction Conference Call Date and Time: April 30, 2026, 9:30am CDT.

**Attendees:**

**North Dakota Public Service Commission**

- Robert Frank, Public Utility Analyst
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**Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (MPC)**

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### **Meeting Minutes:**

The preconstruction conference call commenced at approximately 9:30am CDT with introductions. NDPSC Public Utility Analyst Robert Frank read the Certification Relating to Order Provisions Nos. 1-40 for NDPSC Case No. PU-26-22. Following review of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions, there was discussion regarding topsoil removal and reapplication in the vicinity and adjacent fields rather than removal off site.

Mr. Frank clarified the scope of activities authorized under the temporary construction variance and the activities to be completed under the Commission's April 29 Order. MPC and BMcD agreed to coordinate with Mr. Retka on the inspection of topsoil storage and reuse areas. BMcD agreed to send spatial data to Mr. Retka as to the Project layout.

Mr. Retka discussed the anticipated inspection schedule for the duration of the Project, including inspection related to reclamation and restoration next spring.

For unexpected discoveries, Mr. Frank noted that such occurrences must be filed with the Commission.

BMcD identified Benjamin (Paul) Gwaltney as the point of contact for Mr. Retka to coordinate on-site inspections.

- Benjamin (Paul) Gwaltney
  - (337) 258-7582      bpgwaltney@burnsmcd.com

MPC identified Cole Beckel as the company representative and point of contact for landowner issues.

- Cole Beckel
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MPC will formally file monthly construction reports with the Commission pursuant to the Certification Relating to Order Provisions and provide copies to Mr. Frank and Mr. Retka. The meeting concluded at approximately 10:20am CDT.