

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-26-22

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

On January 9, 2026, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (the Company) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) § 69-02-09-01, the Company 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 Commission may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.").

Specifically, the Company requests that protection be given to the cultural resource location information contained in the cultural resource report in Appendix C. Specifically, the Company requests 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).

Staff believes that the Company's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Minnesota Power, to protect certain information filed in the captioned case.

Dated this 4th day of August 2026.



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