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RE: **PU-26-172**
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Maple River-Bison 345 kV Trans Line Replacement
Siting Exclusion Certification

Thank you for your May 11, 2026, letter and July 15, 2026, supplemental cultural and environmental review memorandum notifying the Commission of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s (Minnkota) intent to replace the overhead static wire on 12 miles on Minnkota's Maple River to Bison 345 kV electric transmission line in Cass County, North Dakota.

This letter is to acknowledge that the Commission has received Minnkota's filing of written certifications under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(4) for the project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor Schock", is written over a horizontal line.

Victor Schock
Director of Public Utilities
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