



Public Service Commission

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Daniel Inman
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5301 32nd Ave South
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Re: Case No. PU-26-303
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
345kV Line Structure 602 – Stutsman County
Siting Exclusion Certification

Dear Mr. Iman:

At its regular Commission Meeting on September 23, 2026, the North Dakota Public Service Commission passed a motion to approve the request to impact the avoidance area in the above captioned case.

A copy of the Commission Motion is enclosed.

Best Regards,

Geri Schmaltz
Public Utilities Division

Enclosure

APPROVED
DATE: 09/23/2026
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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MOTION

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Based upon a determination that the project does not affect critical habitat for the Dakota Skipper by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the fact that Minnkota's easement for the project predates the area's inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System, I move the Commission approve the request to impact the avoidance area in Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., 345kV Line Structure 602 – Stutsman County, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-26-303.

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