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PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Proposed Transmission Line and Substation Project in Cass County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing regarding a proposal to construct an electric transmission line and associated substation in Cass County.

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., is requesting a siting permit for the construction of a 1.74 mile double-circuit 345-kV electric transmission line and associated substation. The line would start at Minnkota's Maple River-Bison 345-kV transmission line and would end at the proposed substation south of Harwood, N.D. The line will be networked and will serve Minnkota's distribution cooperative member, Cass County Electric Cooperative, and a large-load member (Polaris Forge 2 data center). The estimated cost of the project is \$75 million.

(Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. Central**
Holiday Inn Fargo
3803 13th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas

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