



September 13, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Route Permit Application of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for the Clearbrook to Clearbrook West 115 kV HVTL and New Substation Project
MPUC Docket No. ETL/TL-14-665

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) has received a formal request from North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) to withdraw our Route Permit Application for the referenced project with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Since NDPC has petitioned to withdraw their applications associated with the pipeline project (PUC Dockets PL-6668/CN-13-473, PPL-13-474) that Minnkota's transmission line would have provided electrical power to, the transmission line for that specific load is not needed at this time. Therefore, Minnkota is formally petitioning the PUC to withdraw our Route Permit Application (Petition attached).

The petition has been filed with the Administrative Law Judge, James Mortenson, by providing him a copy of this letter and petition. Additionally, a copy of this filing has been filed in eDockets and served on persons listed on the official service list of record. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

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John T. Graves, P.E.
Environmental Manager

Cc: Jay Bushy, Project Manager
David Berkholtz, MN DOC
Bruce Bjerke, Clearwater-Polk Cooperative, Inc.
James Mortenson, Office of Administrative Hearings (hard copy)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Beverly J. Heydinger	Chair
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Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
John Tuma	Commissioner
Matthew Schuerger	Commissioner

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HVTL ROUTING PERMIT APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION.

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) hereby respectfully petitions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to withdraw its application for an HVTL route permit for the Clearbrook to Clearbrook West 115 kV HVTL and New Substation project pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.0430.

II. DISCUSSION OF WITHDRAWAL

Minnkota has determined, based upon a request from North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC), that it will no longer pursue the regulatory approvals necessary to construct the Clearbrook to Clearbrook West 115 kV HVTL and New Substation. Accordingly, Minnkota submits this Petition pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.0430 to withdraw our HVTL route permit application (RPA).

Minnkota requests that the PUC approve the Petition because Minnkota is entitled to withdrawal its application as a matter of right. Furthermore, it would not be prudent to continue the RPA approval efforts for all parties involved due to our withdrawal request.

III. MOTION TO WITHDRAW HVTL ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION

Minnkota moves that the PUC withdraw and suspend efforts on our RPA for this project (ETL/TL-14-665) and act on this Petition as soon as possible.

IV. RESPONSE TO PETITION AND MOTION

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.0430, persons opposing the Petition have 14 calendar days from the date of service to file objections.

V. CONCLUSION

Minnkota respectfully requests that this Petition to Withdraw be granted.

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Minnkota Environmental Manager