

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. E-2473  
of Nebraska Public Power )  
District, Columbus, seeking )  
authority to construct, operate ) GRANTED  
and maintain electric )  
transmission line in Dawes and )  
Sheridan Counties. ) Entered: April 21, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 26, 2020, the Nebraska Public Power District, (Applicant), Columbus, filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Dawes and Sheridan Counties having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct, 14.2 miles, 3 phase, 5 wire overhead, 66.4/115 kv, Wye connected, multi-grounded, electric line in Dawes County.

Applicant proposes to construct, 16.1 miles, 3 phase, 5 wire overhead, 66.4/115 kv, Wye connected, multi-grounded, electric line in Sheridan County.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds that:

1. Applicant has filed Route Map 460018159, (Exhibit A), which shows the route of the proposed line, the side of the roadway to be occupied and the location and ownership of all utilities, which may be in conflict, crossed or paralleled by the proposed line.

2. Applicant has filed Specifications (Exhibit B), which will govern this electric line construction and have sufficient details to portray the type and manner of the construction for the proposed line.

3. In the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed electric transmission line, Applicant has filed a verified affidavit that the project will conform to the requirements of the latest edition of the National Electric Safety Code, the laws of the State of Nebraska and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

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4. The Nebraska Department of Aeronautics has filed a letter waiving objections to the proposed line.

5. According to the application, the only utilities which may be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposed is:

Western Area Power Administration, Loveland, Colorado  
Northwestern Rural Public Power District, Hay Springs,  
Nebraska  
CenturyLink, LLC, Shoreview, Minnesota  
Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska

6. According to the application and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, there is no licensed airport which will be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposed herein.

7. The Applicant has filed documents showing the consent of the involved parties.

Based upon the information provided in the application and verified by affidavit, and other filings in this docket, the Commission finds that this application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. E-2473 be granted and the Nebraska Public Power District, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission line Dawes and Sheridan Counties in accordance with its application, Route Map (Exhibit A) and Specifications (Exhibit B), which by this reference are made a part hereof, all subject to the Rules and Regulations of this Commission and to the terms and conditions of the waivers filed with this application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an immediate supplemental application be made if it develops that the line will not be built in its entirety in accordance with the Commission's order. A supplemental application is required for any and all changes in line routing, voltage and/or design.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the construction authorized in this order will not be entirely completed within 24 months of the date of this order, Applicant shall apply for an extension of time to complete the authorized construction showing good cause for such extension.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a completion notice shall be filed with this Commission as soon as the proposed line has been completed and is ready to be energized. With this completion notice, there should be a report of any line authorized, which was not built.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of April, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Linder*  
*Tim Schram*  
*Don Wagoner*

*Mary Kadden*

Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyde*  
Executive Director