

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. E-2463
Application of Nebraska Public)
Power District, Columbus,)
Nebraska, seeking authority to)
construct, operate, and) ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
maintain electric transmission)
lines in Lincoln, Logan,)
Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield,)
Holt, and Wheeler Counties.) Entered: April 16, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 19, 2019, the Nebraska Public Power District, (Applicant), Columbus, filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lincoln, Logan, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Holt, and Wheeler Counties having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct 101 miles, 3 phase, 6 cond., 2 shield wire, 199/345 kv, Wye connected, electric line in Lincoln, Logan, and Thomas Counties.

Applicant proposes to construct, 124 miles, 3 phase, 6 cond., 2 shield wire, 199/345 kv, Wye connected, electric line in Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Holt and Wheeler Counties.

At the time the application was filed, Applicant had not obtained consent from all necessary parties. Specifically, Union Pacific Railroad Company was identified as a necessary party but had not consented to the application at the time of filing. Consequently, a hearing was scheduled in this matter for April 9, 2019. However, on April 8, 2019, Applicant filed with the Commission a letter from Union Pacific stating that it has no objection to the Application. The hearing was therefore cancelled, and this application was processed pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

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 460010194 (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.

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

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

Niobrara Valley EMC, O'Neill, Nebraska
KBR Rural Public Power District, Ainsworth, Nebraska
Western Area Power Administration, Watertown, South Dakota
Great Plains Communications, Blair, Nebraska
Consolidated Telephone Company, Lincoln, Nebraska
Industrial Tower & Wireless, Marshfield, Massachusetts
K & M Telephone Company, Chambers, Nebraska
BNSF Railroad Company, Fort Worth, Texas
Custer Public Power District, Broken Bow, Nebraska
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, Ord, Nebraska
Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Hershey, Nebraska
Verizon Wireless, Bloomington, Minnesota
Nebraska Central Telephone, Gibbon, Nebraska
Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, Nebraska
Dawson Public Power District, Lexington, Nebraska
Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Battle Creek, Nebraska
CenturyLink, LLC, Shoreview, Minnesota
Viaero Wireless, Fort Morgan, Colorado
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Jackson, 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 all involved parties.

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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-2463 be granted and the Nebraska Public Power District, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission lines in Lincoln, Logan, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Holt, and Wheeler 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.

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 16th day of April, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chair

ATTEST:

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