

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application       ) Application No. E-1894  
of Nebraska Public Power District,    )  
Columbus, Nebraska, seeking author-   ) GRANTED  
ty to construct, operate and main-    )  
tain an electric transmission line    )  
in Platte, Madison, Pierce and        )  
Antelope Counties Nebraska.         ) Entered: April 3, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

Nebraska Public Power District (Applicant), Columbus, Nebraska, by its application filed January 23, 2001, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte, Madison, Pierce and Antelope Counties, Nebraska, having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to refurbish 130.0 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 132.8/230 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Platte, Madison, Pierce and Antelope Counties.

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 Maps NF75377, NF75378 and NF75379 (Exhibit A's), which show the location of the proposed structure, 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 construction.

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.

3. In the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed structure, applicant will conform with 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 construction.

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5. According to the application, the only utilities which may be affected by the construction are:

Citizens Communications Co., Columbus, NE  
 North Central Public Power District, Creighton, NE  
 Cornhusker Public Power District, Columbus, NE  
 Three River Telco, Lynch, NE  
 Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Battle Creek, NE  
 Great Plains Communications, Blair, NE  
 Loup River Public Power District, NE  
 Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corp., O'Neill, NE  
 Western Area Power Administration, Billings, MT

6. According to the application and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, there no licensed airports which will be affected by the construction proposed herein.

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

The Commission, having considered the filings in this matter and being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion and 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-1894 be granted and that Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the structure in a transmission line in Platte, Madison, Pierce and Antelope Counties, Nebraska, in accordance with its application, Route Maps (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 structure 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 the proposed construction.

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

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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 construction has been completed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of April, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Alan C. Boyle*

*Paul Smith*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Lowell C. Johnson*

*John Burdick*

//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Deputy Director