

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. E-1989
of Northwest Rural Public Power)
District, Hay Springs, Nebraska,)
seeking authority to construct,) GRANTED
operate and maintain electric)
transmission lines in Dawes)
County, Nebraska.) Entered: April 15, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

Northwest Rural Public Power District (Applicant), Hay Springs, Nebraska, by its application filed March 6, 2003, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Dawes County, Nebraska, having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct 5.01 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 14.4/24.9 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Dawes County;

And to construct 1.17 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead 14.4/24/9 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Dawes County;

And to construct 3.63 miles, 1 phase, 2 wire overhead 14.4 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Dawes 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 A1-03 (Exhibit A), which shows the route of the proposed lines, 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 lines.

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 lines.

3. In the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed electric transmission lines, applicant 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 lines.

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

Black Hills Power, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota
Western Area Power Administration, Loveland, Colorado
Qwest Communications, Omaha, Nebraska
Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska

6. According to the application and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, there are no licensed airports which will be affected by the construction and operation of the electric lines 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-1989 be granted and that Northwest Rural Public Power District, Hay Springs, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission lines in Dawes County, Nebraska, 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 any of the lines will not be built in their 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 lines have been completed and are ready to be energized. With this completion notice, there should be a report of any lines authorized, which were not built.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of April, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director