

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. E-2004  
of Loup Valleys Rural Public         )  
Power District, Ord, Nebraska,       )  
seeking authority to construct,       ) GRANTED  
operate and maintain electric        )  
transmission lines in Loup and        ) Entered: June 3, 2003  
Garfield Counties, Nebraska.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District (Applicant), Ord, Nebraska, by its application filed May 15, 2003, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Loup and Garfield Counties, Nebraska, having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct 5.0 miles, 3 phase, 3 wire overhead, 69 kv, Wye connected electric line in Loup and Garfield Counties;

To underbuild 2.9 miles 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 7.2/12.5 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Garfield County;

To underbuild 2.1 miles, 1 phase, 2 wire overhead 7.2 kv, connected, multigrounded electric line in Loup County;

And to retire 2.9 miles of existing 3 phase, 4 wire, 7.2/12.5 kv, electric line in Garfield County;

To retire 1.3 miles, 1 phase, 2 wire, 7.2 kv electric line in Loup 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 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 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 lines.

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

Nebraska Central Telecommunications Company, Gibbon, Nebraska  
City of Burwell, Burwell, Nebraska  
KN Energy, Kearney, Nebraska

6. According to the application and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, the only licensed airport which will be affected by the construction and operation of the electric lines proposed herein is:

Cram Field, Burwell, Nebraska

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-2004 be granted and that Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, Ord, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission lines in Garfield and Loup Counties, 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 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 3rd day of June, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director