

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application	)	Application No. E-2027
of Loup Power District,	)	
Columbus, Nebraska, seeking	)	
authority to construct, operate	)	GRANTED
and maintain electric	)	
transmission lines in Platte	)	Entered: February 3, 2004
County, Nebraska.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

Loup Power District (Applicant), Columbus, Nebraska, by its application filed December 30, 2003, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County, Nebraska, having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct 3.9 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 19.9/34.5 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded electric line in Platte County.

And will retire 6.25 miles of existing 3 phase, 3 wire, 34.5 kv, electric line in Platte 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 T&D 8364 (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 that 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 utility that may be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposal proposed herein is:

Cornhusker Public Power District  
Citizens Communications, Columbus, Nebraska  
Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska  
Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, 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 the document showing the consent of the involved party.

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-2027 be granted and that Loup Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission lines in Lancaster 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 waiver 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 February, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director