

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    ) Application No. E-2273  
of the Nebraska Public Power        )  
District, Columbus, seeking         )  
authority to construct, operate     ) GRANTED  
and maintain an electric            )  
transmission line in Kearney and    )  
Franklin Counties.                  ) Entered: March 29, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Power District, (Applicant), Columbus, by its application filed February 22, 2011, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Kearney and Franklin Counties having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to construct 53.0 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 199/345 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded, electric line in Kearney and Franklin 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 ND81470 and ND81451 (Exhibit A), which shows two routes for 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 two proposed routes for 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 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 both proposed routes for the proposed line.

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

Southern Public Power District, Grand Island, Nebraska  
Frontier Communications, Kearney, Nebraska  
Qwest Communications, Silver City, New Mexico  
Glenwood Tele. Membership Corp., Blue Hill, Nebraska  
Burlington Northern Railroad, Ft. Worth, Texas  
Great Plains Communications, Blair, Nebraska

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

Pioneer Village Field Airport, Minden, Nebraska

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

8. Applicant has two proposed routes for approximately three miles of the proposed construction reflected on drawing number ND81471. Originally the proposed line was going to follow the green route however after further investigation NPPD determined that an alternate route may avoid construction difficulties.

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-2273 be granted and that the Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission line in Kearney and Franklin Counties in accordance with its application, two proposed 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 once the final route is selected NPPD shall file revised drawing #ND81471 reflecting such final route for the proposed construction.

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 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of March, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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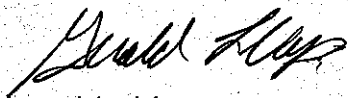
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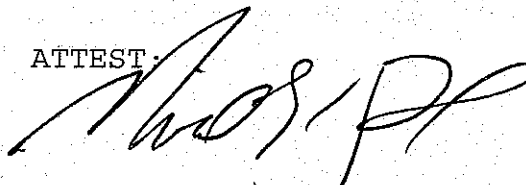
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//s// Frank E. Landis  
//s// Tim Schram

  
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