BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Application of the Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Antelope and Knox Counties. | ) | Application No. E-2176<br><br>GRANTED<br><br>Entered: February 12, 2008 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Power District, (Applicant), Columbus, Nebraska, by its application filed January 28, 2008, seeks authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Antelope and Knox Counties having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

Applicant proposes to refurbish 25.2 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire overhead, 66.4/115 kv, Wye connected, multigrounded, electric line in Antelope and Knox Counties.

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The Commission finds that:

1. Applicant has filed Route Map ND82596 (Exhibit A), which shows the route of 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 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 the proposed line.

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

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Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Battle Creek
North Central Public Power District, Creighton
Frontier Communications, Columbus
Great Plains Communications, Blair

6. According to the application and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, the only licensed airports, landing fields or landing strips which may be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposed herein are:

Antelope County Airport, Neligh

7. The 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-2176 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 Antelope and Knox Counties 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 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.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Anne C. Boyle
//s// Frank E. Landis

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