

June 27, 2024

Shannon Mikula
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
5301 32nd Ave. S.
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

Re: Air Pollution Control
Draft Permit to Construct No. ACP-18230 v1.0

Dear Ms. Mikula:

Pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Rules of the State of North Dakota, the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the permit applications received April 4, 2024, to obtain a Permit to Construct for initial construction and operation of the Colfax facility, in Richland County, North Dakota.

Before making final determination on the draft Permit to Construct, the Department must solicit public comment by means of the enclosed public notice. As indicated in the notice, the public comment period will begin on June 27, 2024, and end July 27, 2024. The Department's analysis and a draft copy of the Permit to Construct may be found at <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>. The documents will be posted on or before June 27, 2024.

All comments received will be considered in the final determination concerning issuance of the permit. You will be notified in writing of our final determination.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701)328-1336 or email rlcardwell@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



Raina Cardwell
Environmental Scientist
Division of Air Quality

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xc/enc: EPA Region 8, Air Permitting (email – r8airpermitting@epa.gov)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

Take notice that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) proposes to issue an Air Pollution Control Permit to Construct to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for the construction of the Colfax facility in accordance with the North Dakota Air Pollution Control Rules. The proposed electric generating (peaking) unit will operate in Richland County in North Dakota. The Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. mailing address is 5301 32nd Ave S. Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201.

Preliminary evaluations made by Department staff indicate that the plant will comply with all applicable Air Pollution Control Rules and there will be no detrimental/significant effects to air quality. Predicted concentrations in the air surrounding the facility are expected to be below the state and federal ambient air quality standards, which are standards that are set at a level to protect human health and the environment.

A 30-day public comment period for the proposed permit to construct will begin June 27, 2024, and end July 27, 2024. Direct comments in writing, including Re: Public Comment Permit Number ACP-18230 v1.0, to AirQuality@nd.gov or the NDDEQ, Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 2nd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324. Emailed comments must be sent to the email address above to be considered. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on the last day of the public comment period to be considered in the final permit determination.

A public meeting regarding issuance of the Permit to Construct will be held if a significant degree of public interest exists as determined by NDDEQ. Requests for a public meeting must be received in writing by NDDEQ before the end of the public comment period. The application, NDDEQ analysis and draft permit are available for review at the above address and on-line at <http://deq.nd.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>. A copy of these documents may be obtained by writing to the Division of Air Quality or contacting Raina Cardwell at (701)328-1336 or emailing rlcardwell@nd.gov.

The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact NDDEQ's Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 27th day of June 2024

James L. Semerad
Director
Division of Air Quality