

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4013
(Senators Solberg, Bercier, Klein)
(Representatives Boucher, Lemieux, Nelson)

A concurrent resolution approving the location, construction, and operation of a hydroelectric transmission facility from Rugby to the Canadian border.

WHEREAS, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy Inc., public utilities doing business in this state, have proposed the construction of a 230-kilovolt transmission facility from Rugby to the Canadian border; and

WHEREAS, at the Canadian border the facility will connect with a facility originating at Glenboro, Manitoba, being constructed by Manitoba Hydro, a Canadian public utility; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-09.1 requires that the Legislative Assembly approve the facility by concurrent resolution; and

WHEREAS, the facility will provide an incremental 200 megawatts of transfer capability between Manitoba and the United States, a significant reliability of load-serving reinforcement in north central North Dakota, an opportunity for North Dakota power plants to increase production, and geographic diversity in line-routing ties between the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state to route transmission facilities in an orderly manner compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources, and that routes be chosen that minimize adverse human environmental impact while ensuring continued system reliability and integrity and ensuring that the energy needs of this state are met in an orderly and timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission has found that the location, construction, and operation of the facility will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of this state and, accordingly, has issued a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit for the facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly finds that the facility has met the requirements of the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Siting Act contained in Chapter 49-22 and the Legislative Assembly approves the location, construction, and operation of a hydroelectric transmission facility from Rugby to the Canadian border.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State