UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph C. Swidler, Chairman; Howard Morgan, L. J. O'Connor, Jr., Charles R. Hoss, and Harold C. Woodward.

The Northern Electric Cooperative

Docket No. E-6670

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO CANADA AND TERMINATING PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT IN PART

(Issued April 17, 1963)

The Northern Electric Cooperative (Northern), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Montana, with its principal place of business in Opheim, Montana, filed application to revise its authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. By order of January 18, 1957, Applicant was authorized to export up to 50,000 kwh of electric energy per year, at a maximum rate of transmission of 80 kw (combined annual aggregate rate) at four points on the international border between the United States and Canada pursuant to Section 202 (e) of the Federal Power Act. Northern also received a permit pursuant to Executive Order No. 10485 (September 3, 1953) to construct, operate and maintain these facilities at the border. The Permit specifically described four singlephase, 7.2 kv lines (Line Nos. 1 through 4), however, Line No. 4 was not constructed and Northern has been exporting energy over Line Nos. 1 through 3 only. In its present application, Northern requests that Line No. 4 be deleted from the Permit and also desires to increase the authorized limitations on exports of electric energy over the remaining three lines as follows:

Line No. 1: Increase from 8,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 20 kw to 20,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 20 kw;

Line No. 2: Increase from 7,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 10 kw to 12,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 15 kw;

Line No. 3: Increase from 14,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 30 kw to 25,000 kwh per year at a maximum rate of 25 kw.

Written notice of the application has been given to the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Montana and to the Governor of that State. Notice of filing of the application has also been given by publication in the Federal Register on November 21, 1962 (27 F.R. 11475), stating that any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to the application should, on or before December 4, 1962 file with the Federal Power Commission, Washington 25, D. C., a petition or protest in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No protest or petition or request to be heard in opposition to the granting of the application has been received.

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The Commission finds:

(1) The transmission of electric energy to Canada by the Northern Electric Cooperative in the amounts and at the rates as listed hereinafter will not impair the sufficiency of electric supply in the United States nor impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission:

Line No. 1 - 20,000 kwh per year at a rate not to exceed 20 kw; Line No. 2 - 12,000 kwh per year at a rate not to exceed 15 kw; Line No. 3 - 25,000 kwh per year at a rate not to exceed 25 kw.

(2) It is appropriate for the purposes of the Federal Power Act and Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, that authority under so much of Article 2 of the Permit signed by the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission on December 12, 1956 as reads as follows be terminated:

"Line No. 4

One single phase two conductor line operating nominally at 7.2 kv, 60 cycles, located at the international border between the State of Montana (Section 2, Township 37 North, Range 36 East, Montana Principal Meridian) and the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada."

The Commission orders:

(A) Northern be and it hereby is authorized to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada in accordance with the terms and the conditions set forth in the application and subject to the provisions of this order.

(B) The electric energy which Northern is hereby authorized to transmit from the United States to Canada shall be in the respective maximum annual amounts and at the respective maximum transmission rates for each of the three lines, all as described above; such energy to be transmitted over the facilities specified in the Permit signed by the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission on December 12, 1956, and accepted by Northern on December 27, 1956 as modified pursuant to this order. (C) The authorization herein granted may be modified from time to time or terminated by further order of the Commission, but in no event shall such authorization extend beyond the date of termination or expiration of the Permit signed by the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, referred to in Paragraph (B) above.

(D) Northern shall conduct all operations pursuant to the authorization herein granted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Power Act and pertinent rules and regulations or orders issued by the Commission.

(E) Northern shall maintain adequate metering equipment to measure the flow of all energy transmitted from the United States to Canada over each of the aforedescribed three lines, pursuant to the authority herein granted; shall make, keep and preserve full and complete records with respect to the movement of such energy; and shall furnish in triplicate with respect to such transmission of electric energy, reports annually, on or before February 15, showing (with respect to each of the aforedescribed three lines), the total kilowatt-hours delivered, the maximum kilowatts of transmission and the consideration received therefor during each month of the preceding year.

(F) This authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States shall not be transferable or assignable, but in the event of the involuntary transfer of facilities used for such transmission by operation of law (including such transfers to receivers, trustees or purchasers under foreclosure or judicial sale), shall continue in effect temporarily for a reasonable time thereafter, pending the making of an application for permanent authorization and decision thereon, provided notice is promptly given in writing to the Commission accompanied by a statement that the physical facts relating to sufficiency of supply, rates, and nature of use remain substantially the same as before the transfer.

(G) This authorization shall be without prejudice to the authority of any State or State regulatory commission for the exercise of any lawful authority vested in the State or State regulatory commission over Northern.

(H) This authorization is without prejudice to the authority of this Commission, or any other regulatory body, with respect to rates, service, accounts, valuation, estimates or determinations of cost, or any other matter whatsoever now pending or which may come before this Commission, or other regulatory body, and nothing herein shall be construed as an acquiescence by this Commission in any estimate or determination of cost or any valuation of property claimed or asserted. Docket No. E-6670

(I) The authority of Northern Electric Cooperative to construct and maintain at the international border facilities, referred to as "Line No. 4", described in Article 2 of the Permit, as is referred to in Paragraph (2) above, be and it hereby is revoked.

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By the Commission.

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Joseph H. Gutride, Secretary.