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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Application for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit
for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project
Docket No. E-015/GP-13-978

Dear Dr. Haar:

In the course of addressing a question from Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Staff regarding the newspaper notification for the public hearing in the above-referenced Docket, Minnesota Power discovered that the newspaper notification was not published due to an error on Minnesota Power's part. Commission Staff requested Minnesota Power provide the following:

- 1) A summary of persons notified through the process and how.
- 2) Minnesota Power's proposed remedy to the deficient notification.

Notification Summary:

Minnesota Power eFiled its Appliation on November 13, 2013 and electronically served those persons on Minnesota Power's General Service list. In accordance with Minn. Rules 7852.0600, subp. 2, Minnesota Power complied with the application distribution requirements of Minn. Rules 7852.2000, subp. 6 and mailed copies of the Application and commenting procedures to the City of Hoyt Lakes and the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission. Minnesota Power eFiled affidavits on January 6, 2014 attesting to that fact.

As noted in the Application, the only two landowners in the proposed route are Minnesota Power and the City of Hoyt Lakes, with Minnesota Power owning the majority of the land where the pipeline is proposed to be constructed. Minnesota Power has had numerous contacts with the City of Hoyt Lakes including directly contacting the City of Hoyt Lakes to schedule the January 22, 2014 public meeting at the Hoyt Lakes Municipal Building



and directly contacting the Mayor of Hoyt Lakes to determine if he was going to participate in the public meeting. The Mayor had another commitment that evening and did not attend the public meeting nor did the City send another representative. In addition, while the Application is available in the Hoyt Lakes and Duluth libraries, no person has requested a copy of the Application.

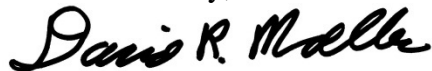
Regarding the newspaper publication, Minnesota Power finalized the notice through a series of internal emails around January 3, 2014. It was communicated internally that the public hearing notice would be sent to the Mesabi Daily News to run in the Wednesday, January 8, 2014 edition. On April 8, 2014, in response to a question from Commission Staff, Minnesota Power discovered that, as is customary, a tear sheet and affidavit from the Mesabi Daily News had not been received. Minnesota Power immediately emailed and called its contacts at the Mesabi daily News to request these documents. The newspaper searched and could not locate them. Minnesota Power believes that inadvertently the final public hearing notice to the Mesabi Daily News was never emailed and therefore the newspaper notice never ran as set forth in Minnesota Power's proposed Finding of Fact. Minnesota Power regrets this mistake and has taken internal measures to ensure this does not occur in the future.

Minnesota Power's Proposed Remedy:

Minnesota Power respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed Route Permit in accordance with the conditions with one additional condition – the approval is not effective until at least 30 days after Minnesota Power provides published notice in the Mesabi Daily News and the Timberjay newspapers in compliance with Minn. Rules 7852.0600, subp. 2.A. The notice shall include a summary of the Commission's process to-date, provide a clear description of the procedures to submit public comments, and that final Commission approval is contingent on the Commission's review of any comments filed. Minnesota Power requests that the Commission vary its 15 day requirement under Minn. Rules 7852.0600, subp. 2.A. to allow Minnesota Power additional time to provide these newspaper notices. Minnesota Power will submit an affidavit after the newspaper notifications are published. Furthermore, Minnesota Power requests the Commission delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to determine if a second public hearing is necessary based on any comments received in response to the published notices.

Minnesota Power appreciates the Commission's consideration of this proposed remedy and is willing to work with the Commission and other stakeholders to rectify this situation.

Yours truly,



David R. Moeller

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c: Service list

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE VIA
ELECTRONIC FILING

Kristie Lindstrom of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 10th day of April, 2014, she served Minnesota Power’s Notification Letter in Docket No. E015/GP-13-978 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The remaining parties on the attached service list were served as so indicated on the list.

/s/ Kristie Lindstrom

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 10th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Mary K Johnson

Notary Public - Minnesota
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