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RE: Exceptions to Administrative Law Judge's Report
Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Canisteo Transmission Line
Project in Itasca County
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Staff
PUC Docket No. E015/TL-13-805
OAH 48-2500-31336

Dear Dr. Haar,

The Department of Commerce (Department) Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation (Report) prepared by Administrative Law Judge Steve M. Mihalchick for the above referenced docket. The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit exceptions to Judge Mihalchick's Report.

EERA staff does not see a need to file any exceptions to Judge Mihalchick's Report.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

William Cole Storm
EERA Staff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Exceptions to Administrative Law Judge's Report**

Docket No. E015/TL-13-805

Dated this **23rd** day of **May 2014**

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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