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Bill Storm, Environmental Review Manager
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Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
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Re: Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for a High Voltage Transmission Line for the Canisteo Project in Itasca County, Minnesota
Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E-015/TL-13-805

Dear Mr. Storm:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the application for a route permit for the Canisteo Project in Itasca County. DNR comments, dated January 3, 2014, were previously submitted regarding the application and scoping for the Environmental Assessment (EA). Please also consider the following input for development of the EA regarding a parcel of DNR land administered by the DNR Division of Forestry within the Canisteo Project Transmission Line.

Section 6.3.2 and Figure B.4. from the Application for a Route Permit for the Canisteo Project discuss and depict a parcel of land administered by the DNR Division of Forestry. A License to Cross Public Lands will be required to cross this parcel. Review of the License to Cross Public Lands will include coordination regarding an assessment of timber value and alignment through this area. The project proposer may contact the DNR Division of Lands and Minerals for additional information regarding these requirements and other License to Cross requirements.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Schrenzel".

Jamie Schrenzel
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cc: Michael Kaluzniak, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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