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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
REQUEST TO RECONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY TASK
FORCE**

Issued: August 12, 2014

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project in Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Koochiching and Itasca Counties

PUC Docket Number/s: E015/TL-14-21

OAH Docket Number: 65-2500-31637

Comment Period: Comment period closes August 22, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission cancel the Advisory Task Force(s)?
- If not, should the Commission modify the structure and charge of the Advisory Task Force(s)?

Project Background: Minnesota Power has filed an application for a route permit for the 220-mile 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project in northern Minnesota. In its July 2, 2014 Order, the Commission directed the establishment of three advisory task forces (ATFs) to evaluate route alternatives and impacts of the Great Northern Transmission Line. On August 8, 2014, the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff notified the Commission that because of limited response requesting participation in the ATF, they were unable to identify representatives from the local units of government sufficient to fulfill the statutory requirements of Minnesota Statute 216E.08. EERA staff requested that the Commission reconsider the question of establishment of advisory task forces.

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