



30 west superior street / duluth, minnesota 55802-2093 / fax: 218-723-3955 /www.allete.com

David R. Moeller
Senior Attorney
218-726-3963
dmoeller@allete.com

February 6, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Reply Comments, Completeness of Route Permit Application
MPUC Docket No.: E015/TL-14-977
Minnesota Power 16 Line Reroute Transmission Project – St. Louis County, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On January 16, 2015, Minnesota Power filed a Route Permit Application for the 16 Line Reroute Transmission Project, located in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) filed its comments regarding completeness of the Route Permit Application on February 3, 2015. Minnesota Power respectfully submits these reply comments to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

EERA carefully reviewed the Route Permit Application and concluded that the application meets the content requirements set forth in Minnesota Rule 7850.3100 and recommended that the Commission accept the Route Permit Application as complete. In its comments, EERA also analyzed the merits of establishing an advisory task force and recommended that the Commission take no action on an advisory task force at this time.

Minnesota Power appreciates EERA's review of the 16 Line Reroute Transmission Project Route Permit Application and agrees with EERA's recommendations regarding completeness and an advisory task force. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Dan McCourtney at (218) 355-3515 or by email at dmccourtney@allete.com.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

cc: Dan McCourtney, Minnesota Power
Bill Storm, Minnesota Department of Commerce–Energy Environmental Review
and Analysis
Service List



IN THE MATTER OF MINNESOTA POWER'S
16 LINE REROUTE PROJECT – ST. LOUIS
COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MPUC DOCKET NO. E015/TL-14-977

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Jill N. Yeaman certifies that on the 6th day of February, 2015, she filed a true and correct copy of **Minnesota Power's Reply Comments** by posting the same on eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said document is also served via U.S. Mail or email as designated on the attached Service List and Project Contact List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above referenced docket.

/s/ Jill N. Yeaman _____

Jill N. Yeaman

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Julia	Anderson	Julia.Anderson@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	1800 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012134	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Christopher	Anderson	canderson@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 W Superior St Duluth, MN 558022191	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Sharon	Ferguson	sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500 Saint Paul, MN 551012198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Margaret	Hodnik	mhodnik@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Lori	Hoyum	lhoyum@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Michael	Krikava	mkrikava@briggs.com	Briggs And Morgan, P.A.	2200 IDS Center 80 S 8th St Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
James D.	Larson	james.larson@avantenergy.com	Avant Energy Services	220 S 6th St Ste 1300 Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Douglas	Larson	dlarson@dakotaelectric.com	Dakota Electric Association	4300 220th St W Farmington, MN 55024	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
John	Lindell	agorud.ecf@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012130	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Susan	Ludwig	sludwig@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Pam	Marshall	pam@energycents.org	Energy CENTS Coalition	823 7th St E St. Paul, MN 55106	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Dan	McCourtney	dmccourtney@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior St Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Herbert	Minke	hminke@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 W Superior St Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
David	Moeller	dmoeller@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 W Superior St Duluth, MN 558022093	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Andrew	Moratzka	apmoratzka@stoel.com	Stoel Rives LLP	33 South Sixth Street Suite 4200 Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Jennifer	Peterson	jjpeterson@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Thomas	Scharff	thomas.scharff@newpagecorp.com	New Page Corporation	P.O. Box 8050 610 High Street Wisconsin Rapids, WI 544958050	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Ron	Spangler, Jr.	rlspangler@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company	215 So. Cascade St. PO Box 496 Fergus Falls, MN 565380496	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Eric	Swanson	eswanson@winthrop.com	Winthrop Weinstine	225 S 6th St Ste 3500 Capella Tower Minneapolis, MN 554024629	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Karen	Turnboom	karen.turnboom@newpagecorp.com	NewPage Corporation	100 Central Avenue Duluth, MN 55807	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977
Daniel P	Wolf	dan.wolf@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	121 7th Place East Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 551012147	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_14-977_TL-14-977

Project Contact List
MPUC Docket No. E015/TL-14-977

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Tracy	Smetana	tracy.smetana@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	121 7th Place East Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No	SPL_SL_14-977_MP 16 Line Project Contact List