

## **APPENDIX A**

Applicant's Notice Letter to Commission of Intent to Use  
Alternative Permitting Process



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Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**--Via Electronic Filing--**

**Re: Notification of Intent to File a Route Permit Application Pursuant to the  
Alternative Permitting Process for the Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake  
Rebuild from 115 kV Single Circuit to 115/115 kV Double Circuit  
Transmission Line Project**

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7850.2800, subpart 2, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of its intent to submit an application for a route permit for the Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake Rebuild from 115 kV Single Circuit to 115/115 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line Project ("Project") following the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The proposed Project involves: (1) removing approximately three miles of existing 115 kilovolt ("kV") single circuit transmission line, (2) rebuilding a new 115/115 kV double circuit transmission line in approximately the same alignment, and (3) associated substation modifications. The Project extends from the Kohlman Lake Substation located south of Highway 694 in the City of Maplewood, north through White Bear Lake and Vadnais Heights, to the Goose Lake Substation located northwest of the intersection of White Bear Parkway and Otter Lake Road in White Bear Township.

Xcel Energy plans to file the application in late October or early November 2012. We will work with Commission and the Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff to address any comments they have in order to expedite application acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

Sincerely,

Sage Tauber  
Permitting Analyst

cc: Bob Cupit, MN PUC  
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