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April 14, 2014

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
600 North Robert Street
St. Paul MN 55164-0620

Re: Certificate of Need for the Line 67 Station Upgrade Project – Phase 2 in Kittson, Marshall, Red Lake, Clearwater, Cass, Itasca and St. Louis Counties
PUC Docket Number: PL-9/CN-13-153
OAH Docket Number: 8-2500-30952

Dear Judge Lipman:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Line 67 Station Upgrade Project – Phase 2 and project record documents. The DNR previously submitted that attached comments dated July 24, 2013. Please consider the following comment in addition to previous comments in the record for the Line 67 Station Upgrade Project.

Line 239 on page 10 of the Testimony of Mark Curwin dated January 10 2014 (PUC Document ID Number: 2014I-95349-04) includes discussion of high consequence areas for enhanced response to an emergency incident or spill. The DNR is not familiar with the criteria for determining which areas are determined to be high consequence. However, we would like to identify a sensitive area for public water impacts in the event of an incident near the proposed new Floodwood Pump Station in Saint Louis County (see attached map). The new pump station would be near a ditch system that flows to the Floodwood River and then into the Saint Louis River, which leads to the unique habitat of the Saint Louis River Estuary, and Lake Superior.

Thank you for your consideration of the above comment and attached comment letter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jamie Schrenzel'.

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