

April 22, 2020

Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Permit Amendment Request – Structures 1 and 132  
Huntley to Wilmarth Transmission Line Project  
Docket No. E002, ET6675/TL-17-185

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff is providing reply comments in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application of Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC for the  
Huntley to Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project in South Central Minnesota

Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC have requested a permit amendment for two modifications of the Huntley to Wilmarth transmission line project. Comments by the Office of the State Archaeologist regarding the permit amendment request recommended that an archaeological survey be conducted in the areas of the proposed modifications prior to construction. This recommendation is consistent with Sections 5.3.14 and 6 of the route permit for the project. EERA staff concurs with the recommendation.

EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



Ray Kirsch  
EERA Staff