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**Via Email: PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us**

Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: PUC Docket Number/s: E-002,ET2/TL-08-1474  
OAH Docket Number: 7-2500-20283-2

Dear Mr. Harr:

Our office represents the Boyum Family, which owns the property located at 24729 Dodd Boulevard, Lakeville, MN 55044. It is across the Boyum Property that this minor alteration will occur. On behalf of the Boyum Family, I wish to advise the Commission that the Permittees' request does meet the definition of a minor alteration since its impact is primarily on the Boyum Farm and two other small acreage parcels. The owners of those two smaller parcels have informed the Boyums that they support this request also.

Secondly, the Boyum Family urges the Commission to approve the minor alteration request which will best serve the needs of the Boyums and the properties close to the Boyum Farm, which are impacted. The Boyums understand that the owners of all parcels impacted by the present alignment and the proposed minor alterations are in favor such alterations.

Having given the Commission this comment, the Boyums will not be present at any hearing, but would be pleased to answer any questions the Commission may have prior to such a hearing.

Yours truly,



Phillip R. Krass

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cc: Boyum Family  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE REQUEST FOR A MINOR ALTERATION TO THE ROUTE PERMIT FOR A 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA TO HAMPTON, MINNESOTA**

*Issued: May 31, 2013*

**In the Matter of** the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota

**PUC Docket Number/s:** E-002, ET2/TL-08-1474

**OAH Docket Number:** 7-2500-20283-2

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes June 14, 2013 at 4:30pm.  
Reply comment period closes June 21, 2013 at 4:30pm.

**Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Does the Permittees' request meet the definition of a minor alteration?
- Should the Commission approve the minor alteration request?

**Submit Public Comments:** E-mail to [PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us](mailto:PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us).

Persons without e-mail access may send by U.S. mail to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

**Filing Requirements:** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling.

**Project Background:** The Commission issued a route permit with conditions for all segments of the Brookings County-Hampton 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Project) on September 14, 2010, with the exception of the segment between the Cedar Mountain Substation near Franklin, Minnesota and the Helena Substation near New Market, Minnesota. On March 1, 2011, the Commission issued a Route Permit Addendum authorizing construction of the final segment between the Cedar Mountain and Helena substations. Since issuance of the Route Permit, Permittees have conducted additional real estate records review and commenced detailed design work.

The May 29, 2013 minor alteration petition requested that the Commission approve a route modification to the permitted route in the Chub Lake Substation to Hampton Substation (“Chub Lake to Hampton”) segment in western Dakota County, Structure Nos. 0961- 007 to 0961-010, to address stakeholder and environmental concerns. Permittees believe the modification is reasonable and approval is appropriate because the requested alteration has impacts comparable to the impacts associated with the initially approved route (“Permitted Route”) and anticipated alignment and, therefore, does not result in significant change in the human or environmental impact of the facility. The landowners affected by this route modification all support the proposed change. Click here to enter text.

**Full Case Record:** All documents filed in this docket are available on the Commission’s website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us), select “Search eDockets,” enter the year (08) and the docket number (1474), select “Search.”

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