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RE: Comments and Recommendations of Department of Commerce
Energy Environment Review and Analysis Staff

Docket No. E015/GP-13-978

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are comments and recommendations of Department of Commerce,
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Pipeline
Route Permit for Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline
Project and Associated Facilities in St. Louis County, Minnesota

The application was filed on November 19, 2013, by:

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DOC EERA staff recommends that the Commission grant the partial exemption and issue a pipeline route permit for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project. EERA Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS STAFF**

DOCKET NO. E015/GP-13-978

Date: February 28, 2014

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In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Pipeline Route Permit for Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project and Associated Facilities in St. Louis County, Minnesota

Issues Addressed: These comments address the question of whether the Commission should grant a partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures and issue a pipeline routing permit to Minnesota Power for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Documents Attached:

Draft Pipeline Route Permit

Additional documents and information can be found on eDockets:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (13-978) and on the Department's energy facilities permitting website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33624>

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Introduction and Background

On November 13, 2013, Minnesota Power filed a route permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Application was made under the Partial

Exemption permitting process of Minn. Rules 7852.0600 to 7852.0700.¹ On November 14, 2013, the Commission issued a notice soliciting comments on the completeness of the route permit application for the project.² On December 20, 2013, a Commission order accepted the application.³

Project Purpose

The proposed natural gas pipeline project would allow Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, to be converted from a coal-fired facility to a natural gas-fired facility.⁴

Project Description (Proposed Pipeline and Associated Facilities)

The proposed Project will include the installation of approximately 5,900 feet of 10.75-inch nominal diameter pipeline from the Northern Natural Gas Transmission pipeline to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center plant in Hoyt Lakes. The pipeline will have a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) as established by the company metering the natural gas (Northern Natural Gas). The pipe wall thickness and pipe grade will be established in part by pipe availability with a minimum nominal wall thickness of 0.255 inch used for open areas, and a minimum nominal wall thickness of 0.330 inch used for road crossing, railroad crossing and horizontal directional drills (HDDs). The pipeline will be buried to a depth of at least three feet to the top of ground from the top of the pipe.

The Project will also require the installation of associated facilities (or appurtenances). Associated facilities will include valves and flanges, an in-line inspection tool launcher and receiver, cathodic protection to prevent corrosion on the pipeline, alternating current mitigation because the pipeline parallels a high voltage electric transmission line, and a gas delivery and odorizing station. Pipeline markers will also be installed various locations (e.g., road crossings) in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

The planned minimum design capacity of the Project is 0 million standard cubic feet per hour (Mscfh). Because the pipeline will be dedicated to the power plant facility, there may be

¹Minnesota Power, Route Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project, See eDockets, document ID # [201311-93645-01](#), [201311-93645-02](#), [201311-93645-03](#), [201311-93645-04](#), [201311-93645-05](#) [hereinafter **Route Permit Application**].

² Notice of Comment Period on Route Permit Application Completeness, November 19, 2013, eDockets Number [201311-93840-01](#).

³ Commission order accepting the route permit application, See eDockets, Document ID [201312-94815-01](#)

⁴ Route Permit Application, See eDockets, Document ID [201311-93645-02](#).

occasional times throughout the year when the power plant will not require natural gas. The maximum design requirement of the pipeline is approximately 1500 Mscfh.

Land Requirements-Right-Of-Way

The right-of-way requirement for the natural gas pipeline will be 30 feet wide for the permanent easement, 20 feet wide on the working side and 10 feet on the non-working side. During construction, the standard workspace will be 100 feet wide with 75 feet on the working side and 25 feet on the non-working side. Assuming a route length of 5,900 feet and a 100-foot wide construction right-of-way, approximately 13.5 acres of land would be disturbed.

There are two landowners along the preferred route. Minnesota Power owns 63 percent (3,717 feet) of the land crossed by the proposed project and the city of Hoyt Lakes owns 37 percent (2,183 feet).

The permanent right-of-way will require approximately 4.1 acres of land. Approximately 13.5 acres will be required for construction, which also includes the permanent right-of-way. Additional temporary workspace will be required and totals about 1.1 acres. The above ground gas delivery/meter station and regulation facility will each require about .25 acres. Total acreage required is approximately 15.20 acres.

As shown on Figure 3 in its route permit application, Minnesota Power's preferred alignment within the route crosses Colby Lake Road immediately after leaving the northern Natural Gas pipeline, then crosses the transmission line right-of-way, avoiding a wetland, and then parallels the electric transmission line easement along its northwestern side.⁵

The total estimated cost of the proposed pipeline Project is \$2 million. Operation and maintenance costs for the pipeline will be nominal for several years, since the line will be new and minimal vegetation maintenance will be required. The annual operating and maintenance cost for the Laskin Pipeline is expected to be \$10,000 per year. Minnesota Power has targeted an in-service date of June 2015.

Regulatory Review Process

Minnesota Statutes, 216G.02 requires a pipeline routing permit issued by the Commission to construct and install certain intrastate pipelines designed to transport natural gas. The pipeline routing requirements are outlined in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7852.

An applicant may submit an application to the Commission for pipeline route selection and a pipeline route permit. If the applicant does not expect the proposed pipeline and associated facilities to have significant impacts on humans or the environment, they can submit an application for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures. In such a case, the Commission will decide whether to grant or deny the partial exemption within 90 days after

⁵ Route Permit Application, See Dockets, Document ID [201311-93645-02](#), Figure 3, pages 23-27.

Commission acceptance date of the partial exemption application. See Minnesota Rules 7852.0600.

Staff Analysis and Comments

Acceptance or conditional acceptance of the application allowed Commission and the applicant (Minnesota Power) to initiate actions required by Minnesota Rules 7852.0600 and 7852.2000. These actions included providing notice of application acceptance, which included a project description (size and type) and a map of the proposed pipeline alignment, and a January 22, 2014, public information meeting to receive comments on the proposed project.⁶

Minnesota Power complied with the application distribution requirements of Minnesota Rule 7852.2000, subpart 6, which includes sending the application, procedures for commenting and notice of the January 22, 2014, public information meeting to applicable entities.⁷

Public Information Meeting

A public information meeting was held in Hoyt Lakes on January 22, 2014, to receive public comment on the pipeline route permit application for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project. No one attended the public information meeting.

Public Comments Received

Prior to the close of the comment period two letters were received. One from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, dated February 4, 2014, stated that the Permittee must obtain “all relevant permits or authorizations from road authorities relating to any pipeline or associated facilities placements that may be proposed to be placed in a public road right-of-way.” The MnDOT letter also suggested coordinating with them because of MnDOT’s highway construction activities.⁸

The second letter received was from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, dated February 5, 2014. DNR’s comments recommended that: a) where reseeding is necessary that seeding be done with native vegetation; b) project plans should include construction methods that reduce the introduction of invasive species (noxious weeds); and c) wildlife-friendly erosion control be used wherever possible, especially in the vicinity of wetlands or rare species habitat.

There has been no public objection over granting a partial exemption and issuing a pipeline routing permit for the project.

Standards for Permit Issuance

Minnesota Rule 7852.0600 sets requirements for review of pipelines under the partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures and 7852.0700 provides standards and criteria to be

⁶ Notice of Public Information Meeting, See eDockets, Document ID [201312-94937-01](#)

⁷ Minnesota Power, Affidavits of Mailing, See eDockets, Document ID [20141-95154-01](#)

⁸ Minnesota Department of Transportation, letter dated February 4, 2014, See eDockets, Document ID [20142-96154-01](#)

considered by the Commission in determining whether to grant or deny a partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures. The Commission considers the characteristics of the project, the potential impacts, and methods to minimize or mitigate potential impacts and imposes reasonable conditions in the pipeline route permit for the proposed project.

The Record

The Commission, in its public notice, requested that the Applicant file proposed Findings of Fact within the time for the initial comment period and requested that Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff file its technical analysis, comments and recommendations, including any proposed permit conditions, within the time allotted for reply comments.

Minnesota Power filed Findings of Fact on February 5, 2014.⁹ EERA staff has reviewed the Applicant's proposed Findings of Fact to verify that all procedural requirements of Minn. Rule 7852.0600 have been satisfied. Staff also reviewed all of the proposed Findings for accuracy and concluded that they accurate. Staff would note that while the Findings are accurate, they provide no footnotes or links to documents in the record.

Because Minnesota Power filed its proposed Findings without the benefit of review of DNR's comments, the Findings do not reflect DNR's comments. The proposed EERA draft route permit, as do all pipeline route permits, addresses noxious weeds and reseeding with native seeds. The draft permit includes a provision for wildlife-friendly erosion control

Draft Pipeline Route Permit

EERA staff in association with Commission staff has prepared a Draft Pipeline Route Permit for the Laskin Natural Gas Pipeline Project. This permit and its requirements are based on previous pipeline route permits issued by the Commission (MinnCan (Docket 05-2003), Boswell (08-586) Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights (08-360 and 08-361).

Two of the pipeline projects identified above were large (300-miles in length) and complex projects with many associated issues, whereas the Boswell natural gas pipeline project was a short natural gas pipeline project, similar to the Laskin Natural Gas Pipeline Project. For the smaller less complicated pipeline projects, EERA staff believes some of the pipeline route permit conditions are not appropriate or necessary. Therefore, several of the permit conditions that are appropriate for the larger complex projects have not been included in the permit proposed for this project.

However, because the numbering system for pipeline route permit conditions has been updated, we have provided placeholder positions in the permit that may be needed for future more detailed and complex projects. In this draft permit, it is noted where identified permit conditions are not applicable for the Laskin Pipeline Project; and these permit conditions are as follows:

- 5.5 Agricultural Protection Plan

⁹ Minnesota Power, Findings of Fact, See eDockets, Document ID [20142-96197-01](#)

- 5.6 Environmental Mitigation Plan
- 6.0 Special Conditions

The route does not cross any agricultural land; therefore an Agricultural Protection Plan is not necessary. An Environmental Mitigation Plan is not necessary given the short length of the proposed project and that it will be located adjacent to an existing transmission line right-of-way and will not impact wetlands, bodies of water or sensitive features. No need for special conditions was identified, including the comment letters from DNR and MnDOT.

The proposed permit at 3.0 Designated Route, Right-Of-Way (Alignment and Land Requirements), is structured somewhat differently than it was in the MinnCan, Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights pipeline projects. These three previous pipeline permits at IV Designated Route, included the following provision that authorized requests through the Plan and Profile submittal process when three specific constraints were identified:

Route width variations may be allowed for the Permittee to overcome potential site specific constraints. These constraints may arise from any of the following:

1. Unforeseen circumstances encountered during the detailed engineering and design process.
2. Federal or state agency requirements.
3. Existing infrastructure within the pipeline route, including but not limited to railroads, natural gas and liquid pipelines, high voltage electric transmission lines, or sewer and water lines.

Any alignment modifications arising from these site specific constraints that would result in right-of-way placement outside of this designated route shall be located to have the same or less impacts relative to the criteria in Minn. R. 7852.1900 as the alignment identified in this permit and be specifically identified in and approved as part of the Plan and Profile submitted pursuant to Part VI., of this permit.

This provision was developed to balance flexibility for the permittee against predictability to the public and provided permittees with a mechanism to overcome site specific constraints discovered during detailed plan and profile development. Staff believes that the flexibility to address route width variation resulting from the site specific constraints identified above through Plan and Profile review is warranted and appropriate for the larger more complex projects. It was successfully and appropriated used in the projects noted above, allowing unique situations to be addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

However, staff believes that the language is not necessary or warranted for this project due to its small size, availability of three potential rights-of-way, and high percentage of land owned by

Minnesota Power. Also, the route width, 250 to 1,400 feet, is sufficiently wide to provide Minnesota Power with flexibility to make adjustments without having to go outside of the route.

Therefore, the EERA recommended draft route permit does not include the route width variations language.

Minnesota Power's route permit application identified a route with a variable width of between 250 to 1,400 feet. Within this route, three (3) potential rights-of-way (specific alignments) were identified, as shown on Figure 2, in the route permit application and in the draft pipeline route permit. Minnesota Power has a preference for the western most alignment within the route. Therefore, staff believes it is appropriate for the Commission to approve of the proposed route and then also approve of the alignment within the route, as identified in Figure 3, Maps 1 through 5, in the route permit application and incorporated into the draft site permit. Section 3.0 of the draft route permit provides for route and right-of-way (alignment) designation and the maps (Attachment 1 of the draft permit illustrate the preferred alignment within the route.

EERA STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission grant the partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures as provided for in Minn. Rules 7852.0600 and issued a pipeline routing permit, with conditions, to Minnesota Power for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PIPELINE ROUTE PERMIT
FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE NATURAL GAS
PIPELINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

IN

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

ISSUED TO

MINNESOTA POWER

PUC DOCKET NO. EO15/GP-13-978

In accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216G and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7852, this pipeline route permit is hereby issued to:

MINNESOTA POWER

Minnesota Power is authorized by this pipeline route permit to construct an approximate 5,900-foot-long, 10.75-inch-outside-diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline and associated facilities from the Northern Natural Gas Pipeline to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota referred to as the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project.

The pipeline and associated facilities shall be built within the route identified in this permit and as portrayed on the official route maps, and in compliance with the conditions specified in this permit.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of *[Month, Year]*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar,
Executive Secretary

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Attachment 1: Route and Right-Of-Way (Alignment) Maps (Figures 2 and 3)

Attachment 2: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Complaint Handling Procedures

Attachment 3: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Compliance Filing Procedures

Attachment 4: Permit Compliance Filings

1.0 PIPELINE ROUTE PERMIT

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby issues this pipeline route permit to Minnesota Power (Permittee) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216G and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7852. This permit authorizes Minnesota Power to construct an approximate 5,900-foot-long, 10.75-inch-outside-diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline and associated facilities from the Northern Natural Gas Pipeline to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota referred to as the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project, and as identified in the attached permit maps, hereby incorporated into this document.

The issuance of a pipeline routing permit under Minn. Stat. § 216G.02, subd. 4, and subsequent purchase and use of the route locations is the only site approval required to be obtained by the person owning or constructing the pipeline. The pipeline route permit supersedes and preempts all zoning, building, or land use rules regulations, or ordinances promulgated by regional, county, local, and special purpose governments.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project is located approximately one mile west of Hoyt Lakes, west of Colby Lake and southwest of Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The pipeline authorized to be constructed by this permit consists of approximately 5,900 feet of 10.75-inch outside diameter steel pipeline from the Northern Natural Gas transmission pipeline to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center Plant in Hoyt Lakes to transport sweet processed natural gas (methane). The 10.75-inch steel pipe will meet the most recent addition of API 5L PSL 2 Specifications for Line Pipe and is proposed to be seamless and/or Electrical Resistance Welded (ERW) longitudinal seam welded. A minimum of 0.255-inch wall thickness will be used for line pipe and a minimum of 0.330-inch wall thickness will be used at road crossings and horizontal directional drills (HDDs). Pipe will meet or exceed a design factor of 0.6.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 192.5, the pipeline will be designed to a minimum of Class 2 location. The pipeline at roads and facilities will be designed to a minimum of Class 3 location.

The natural gas pipeline and associated facilities are designed to have a maximum capacity of 1,500 million standard cubic feet per hour (Mscfh) at 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). The minimum throughput design is 0 Mscfh. The operating pressure of the pipeline and associated facilities will range from a minimum of 0 psig to a maximum of 1,480 psig. The pipeline is more specifically described in Minnesota Power's Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas

Pipeline Project Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures, dated November 13, 2013.

2.1 Associated Facilities

Associated facilities that are a part of the project will include: a fenced gas delivery station at the juncture of the pipeline and the Northern Natural gas pipeline, valves and flanges, an in-line tool launcher and receiver, cathodic protection, alternating current mitigation, gas delivery and odorizing station and pipeline markers in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

2.2 Project Location

The Project is located in Hoyt Lakes in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

County	Township Name	Township	Range	Section
St. Louis	Hoyt Lakes	T58W	R15N	12
St. Louis	Hoyt Lakes	T58W	R14N	7

3.0 DESIGNATED ROUTE, RIGHT-OF-WAY (ALIGNMENT) AND LAND REQUIREMENTS

The route designated by the Commission in this permit is the route described below and illustrated on the route map attached to this permit (Attachment 1, Figure 2). The route is generally described as follows:

The variable width route, approximately 1,400 feet in width where it begins on the north side of Highway 110, approximately one (1) mile west of Hoyt Lakes in St. Louis County, and narrows down to 250 feet as it proceeds in a northerly direction to the Laskin Energy Center, on the west side of Colby Lake. Within this route Minnesota Power identified three (3) alternative right-of-way and work space alignments for the Laskin Natural Gas Pipeline Project.

The preferred right-of-way (alignment) within the designated route begins at the Northern Natural Gas Pipeline Meter Station, crosses Colby Lake Road and parallels the northwesterly side of Minnesota Power's electric transmission line to the Laskin Energy Center. The preferred right-of-way, temporary workspace and additional temporary workspace requirements (alignment) are illustrated on aerial photographs in Attachment 1 (Figure 3, Maps 1 through 5) of this permit.

The designated route will provide the Permittee with sufficient flexibility to adjust the designated centerline and construction right-of-way during final pipeline design to accommodate requests by landowners to avoid certain areas, and also to minimize or prevent the impact of construction on natural resources and other features as identified in Minnesota Rule 7852.0700, subpart 3.

3.1 Permanent Right-of-Way

The Permittee is authorized to acquire up to a 30-foot wide permanent right-of-way. The total permanent right-of-way length is approximately 5,900 feet. The permanent right-of-way width will be a maximum of 30-feet in width. The estimated acreage of the permanent right-of-way is 4.1 acres. Approximately .50 acres will be required for the Gas Delivery/Meter Station and Regulation Facility.

3.2 Temporary Right-of-Way

The Permittee is authorized to acquire up to a 70-foot wide temporary right-of-way or workspace. The total temporary right-of-way length is approximately 5,900 feet. The temporary right-of-way width will be a maximum of 70-feet and directly adjacent to the 30-foot wide permanent right-of-way. The estimated acreage of the temporary right-of-way is approximately 9.5 acres.

3.3 Additional Temporary Right-of-Way or Workspace

The Permittee is authorized to acquire additional temporary right-of-way or work space for road and HDD crossings. Approximately 1.1 acres of additional temporary workspace will be required for road and HDD crossings.

The Permittee shall limit additional temporary easements to special construction access needs required outside of the authorized permanent and temporary rights-of-way. Temporary space shall be selected to limit the removal and impacts to vegetation. Temporary easements outside of the authorized right-of-way will be obtained from affected landowners through rental agreements and are not provided for in this permit.

3.4 Minimum Depth of Cover for State and Federal Requirements

Minnesota Statute 216G.07, Subd. 1., requires that the pipeline be installed with a minimum level cover of not less than 4.5 feet (54 inches) in all areas where the pipeline crosses the right-of-way of any public drainage facility or any county, town, or municipal street or highway and where the pipeline crosses agricultural land. Where the pipeline crosses the right-of-way of any drainage ditch, the pipeline shall be at least 4.5 feet (54 inches) feet below the authorized depth of the ditch, unless waived in the manner provided in Minnesota Statute 216G.07. In agricultural

land, the Permittee may seek a depth requirement waiver from the affected landowners to install the pipeline at the same depth as the existing pipelines. In all cases, the Permittee shall install the pipeline at depths that meet or exceed U.S. Department of Transportation regulations (Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49, section 195.248), which is a minimum of 36-inches.

3.5 Right-Of Way Conformance

This permit anticipates that the right-of-way (alignment) will generally conform to the alignment illustrated on the attached route permit maps unless changes are requested by individual landowners and agreed to by the Permittee or if unforeseen conditions are encountered or are otherwise provided for by this permit. Any alignment or right-of-way modifications within the designated route shall be located so as to have comparable overall impacts relative to the factors in [Minn. R. 7852.0700, subp. 3 (Partial Exemption or Minn. R. 7852.1900 (Full Process)], as does the alignment identified in this permit, and shall be specifically identified and documented in and approved as part of the plan and profile submitted pursuant to Section 7.3 of this permit.

4.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Permittee shall comply with the following conditions during pipeline right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration for the life of this permit.

4.1 Field Representative

At least fourteen (14) days prior to commencing construction and continuously throughout construction and right-of-way and workspace restoration, the Permittee shall designate a field representative responsible for overseeing compliance with conditions of this Permit.

This person shall be accessible by telephone during normal business hours throughout all phases of right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup and restoration.

The field representative's address, phone number, emergency phone number, and email shall be filed with the Commission and shall be made available to affected landowners, residents, public officials and other interested persons. The Permittee may change the field representative by notification to the Commission by eFiling and posting it to its website at:

<http://www.mnpower.com/>.

4.2 Compliance with Federal and State Agency Permits

The Permittee shall comply with all terms and conditions of permits or licenses issued by any Federal and State Agency as identified in the Route Permit Application including but not limited to the requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Section 401 Water Quality Certification, SDS Discharge/Construction Storm Water, Site Specific Discharge Approvals); Department of Natural Resources (License to Cross Public Waters, Water Appropriation Permits, State Protected Species Consultation); Historical Society (Section 106 Historic Act Consultation); Department of Agriculture (Agricultural Mitigation Plan Approval); Office of Pipeline Safety (Ongoing Inspection and Safety Compliance).

The Permittee shall develop project construction specifications for site sediment control, as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency NPDES Construction Permit program.

The Permittee shall develop project construction specifications for all crossings of public waters, as required by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The Permittee shall comply with all federal and state safety requirements.

4.3 Compliance with County, City or Municipal Permits

The Permittee shall comply with all terms and conditions of permits or licenses issued by the Counties, Cities and Municipalities crossed by the project that do not conflict or are not preempted by Federal or State permits and regulations.

4.4 Public Services, Public Utilities, and Existing Easements

During construction, the Permittee shall minimize any disruption to public services or public utilities. To the extent disruptions to public services or public utilities occur these would be temporary and the Permittee will restore service promptly. Where any impacts to utilities have the potential to occur the Permittee will work with both landowners and local agencies to determine the most appropriate mitigation measures if not already considered as part of this permit. The Permittee shall cooperate with all entities that have existing easements or infrastructure within the pipeline work area to ensure minimal disturbance to existing or planned developments.

4.5 Agricultural Protection Plan

[Not Applicable for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project]

4.6 Environmental Protection Plan

The Permittee shall comply with its right-of-way preparation procedures, construction and restoration practices described in its November 13, 2013, application filed with the Commission.

4.7 Construction Practices

The Permittee shall follow those specific construction practices and material specifications described in Minnesota Power's Application to the Commission for a pipeline route permit for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project, dated November 13, 2013, unless this permit establishes a different requirement in which case this permit shall prevail. The Permittee shall comply with the conditions for right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration contained in [Minn. R. 7852.3600](#).

4.7.1 Employee Training and Education of Permit Terms and Conditions

The Permittee shall inform all employees, contractors, and other persons involved in construction of the terms and conditions of this permit.

4.7.2 Public Safety Information

As provided by applicable laws and regulations the Permittee shall provide educational materials about the project and any restrictions or dangers associated with the project to landowners within the route whose land is crossed by the pipeline and upon request, to any interested persons.

The Permittee will provide all affected landowners with complete information about the project, keeping them informed throughout the initial survey, right-of-way acquisition, right-of-way preparation, construction, restoration, and future operation and maintenance.

4.7.3 Inspector and Monitor Notification Requirements

The Permittee shall at least 14 days prior to the start of construction provide notice to all landowners affected by construction with the name, telephone number and email address of the County inspector designated by the County and designated state monitors, if appointed.

4.7.4 Access to Property for Construction

The Permittee shall obtain, prior to construction, all necessary permits authorizing access to public rights-of-way and approval of landowners for access to private property. The Permittee shall consult with property owners to identify and address any special problems the landowners may have that are associated with the pipeline prior to any construction. The Permittee shall not unreasonably deny a landowner's request to cross the easement to access the landowner's property.

The Permittee shall work with landowners to provide access to their property, to locate the pipeline on their property to minimize the loss of agricultural land, forest, and wetlands, with due regard for proximity to homes and water supplies, even if the deviations will increase the cost of the pipeline, so long as the landowner's requested relocation does not adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas. The Permittee shall not unreasonably deny a landowner's request to cross the easement to access the landowner's property.

Easement agreements between the Permittee and the landowner(s) shall provide for ingress and egress to and from the right-of-way, unless ingress and egress is otherwise negotiated with the landowner(s). Normal inspection and maintenance activities are limited to ingress and egress specified in the easement agreement and is typically done on the easement.

In an emergency situation, responders will take appropriate actions necessary to address the emergency. By statute (216G.07, Subd. 3) the Pipeline Routing Permit may not set safety standards for the construction of pipeline. This would also apply to operation and maintenance. Therefore, this Pipeline Routing Permit does not address pipeline safety related issues.

The Permittee shall negotiate agreements with landowners that will give the landowners access to their property, minimize the impact on planned future development of the property, and to assume any additional costs for such development that may be the result of installing roads, driveways and utilities that must cross the right-of-way.

4.7.5 Roads (Public and Private)

Equipment involved in pipeline construction shall be moved into the right-of-way using existing public or private roads, unless temporary road is negotiated with the landowner.

Prior to commencement of construction, the Permittee shall identify all state, county or township roads that will be used for the project and shall notify the state, county or township governing body having jurisdiction over the roads to determine if the governmental body needs to inspect the roads prior to use of these roads. The Permittee is responsible for maintenance and repair of roads that will be subject to extra wear and tear due to transportation of equipment and project related materials. The Permittee shall cooperate with county and city road authorities to develop appropriate signage and traffic management during construction.

The Permittee shall promptly repair private roads or lanes damaged when moving equipment or when accessing construction workspace, unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner.

4.7.6 Noise

Construction and routine maintenance activities shall be limited to daytime working hours, as defined in [Minn. R. 7030.0200](#), to ensure nighttime noise level standards will not be exceeded.

4.7.7 Site Sediment and Erosion Control

The Permittee shall implement those erosion prevention and sediment control practices recommended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Construction Stormwater Program.

The Permittee shall minimize erosion and sedimentation during construction and shall employ perimeter sediment controls, protect exposed soil by promptly planting, seeding, using wildlife-friendly erosion control blankets wherever possible and turf reinforcement mats, stabilizing slopes, protecting storm drain inlets, protecting soil stockpiles, and controlling vehicle tracking. Contours shall be graded as required so that all surfaces provide for proper drainage, blend with the natural terrain, and are left in a condition that will facilitate re-vegetation and prevent erosion. All areas disturbed during construction of the facilities shall be returned to pre-construction conditions.

Water will be applied to upland or dry portions of the project area to minimize fugitive dust and emissions generated by activities such as grading, trenching, backfilling, and vehicle/equipment traffic.

Where larger areas of one acre or more are disturbed or other areas designated by the MPCA, the Permittee shall obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) Construction Stormwater permit from the MPCA.

The Permittee shall employ best management practices to avoid the potential spread of invasive species within and adjacent to the right-of-way during construction and maintenance of the pipeline.

4.7.8 Topsoil Protection

The Permittee shall take precautions to minimize mixing of topsoil and subsoil during excavation of the trench for the pipe unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner.

4.7.9 Soil Compaction

Compaction of agricultural lands by the Permittee must be kept to a minimum and mitigated.

4.7.10 Landscape Preservation

Care shall be used to preserve the natural landscape, minimize tree removal and prevent any unnecessary destruction of the natural surroundings in the vicinity of all pipeline construction and restoration activities.

4.7.11 Noxious Weeds

The Permittee shall take all reasonable precautions against the spread of noxious weed (e.g., potted knapweed, leafy spurge and purple loosestrife) during all phases of pipeline construction.

4.7.12 Vegetation Removal and Protection

The Permittee shall clear the permanent right-of-way and temporary right-of-way only to the extent necessary and shall minimize the number of trees to be removed in selecting the right-of-way specifically preserving to the maximum extent practicable windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snow fences in a manner compatible with the safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the pipeline and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Tree stumps will be removed at the landowner's request or when necessitated due to trench location. The Permittee will dispose of all debris created by clearing at a licensed disposal facility.

4.7.13 Revegetation and Restoration

The Permittee shall restore the right-of-way, temporary work spaces, access roads, abandoned right-of-way, and other public or private lands affected by construction of the pipeline to the natural conditions that existed immediately before construction of the pipeline and as by required other federal and state agency permits. Restoration must be compatible with the safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the pipeline.

When utilizing seed to establish temporary and permanent vegetative cover on exposed soil the Permittee shall select a site appropriate seed certified to be free of noxious weeds. To the extent possible, the Permittee shall use native seed mixes. The Permittee shall consult with landowners on the selection and use of seed for replanting.

4.7.14 Application of Herbicides

The Permittee shall restrict herbicide use to those herbicides and methods of application approved by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Selective foliage or basal application shall be used when practicable. The Permittee shall contact the landowner or his designee to obtain approval for the use of herbicide prior to any application on their property. The landowner may request that there be no application of herbicides on any part of the right-of-way within the landowner's property. All herbicides shall be applied in a safe and cautious manner so as not to damage crops, orchards, tree farms, or gardens.

4.7.15 Sensitive Areas

The Permittee shall stabilize stream banks and other sensitive areas disturbed by pipeline construction in accordance with the requirements of applicable state or federal permits.

4.7.16 Wetlands and Water Resources

Wetlands and riparian areas shall be accessed using the shortest route possible in order to minimize travel through wetland areas and prevent unnecessary impacts. No temporary workspace area shall be placed within or adjacent to wetlands or water resources, as practicable.

To minimize impacts, construction in wetland areas shall occur during frozen ground conditions. When construction during winter is not possible, wooden or composite mats shall be used to protect wetland vegetation.

Dewatering during periods of excessive precipitation or in areas where the natural groundwater table intersects the pipeline trench will not be directed into wetlands or water bodies. Dewatering discharges will be directed toward well vegetated upland areas. Should discharge activities need to be directed off the right-of-way, landowner consent will be obtained and locations will be chosen to minimize impacts. All discharge activities will comply with applicable agency permits or approvals.

Areas disturbed by construction activities shall be restored to pre-construction conditions. Restoration of the wetlands will be performed by Permittee in accordance with the requirements of applicable state and federal permits or laws and landowner agreements.

All requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (wetlands under federal jurisdiction), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Public Waters/Wetlands), and County (wetlands under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act) shall be met.

4.7.17 Livestock

Precautions to protect livestock must be taken by the Permittee unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner.

4.7.18 Fences

The Permittee shall replace or repair all fences and gates removed or damaged as result of right-of-way preparation, construction, and restoration activities, unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowners.

4.7.19 Security

The Permittee will install temporary gates or similar, as needed, to prohibit public access to the right-of-way during construction.

4.7.20 Cleanup

All waste and scrap that is the product of pipeline construction shall be removed from the right-of-way and all premises on which pipeline construction activities were conducted and properly disposed of upon completion of each task. Personal litter, including bottles, cans, and paper from construction activities shall be removed on a daily basis.

4.7.21 Pollution and Hazardous Wastes

All appropriate precautions to protect against pollution of the environment must be taken by the Permittee. The Permittee shall be responsible for compliance with all laws applicable to the generation, storage, transportation, clean up and disposal of all wastes generated during pipeline construction and restoration of the right-of-way.

4.7.22 Archaeological and Historic Resources

The Permittee shall make every effort to avoid impacts to identified archaeological and historic resources when installing the pipeline on the approved route. The Permittee shall consult with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) prior to commencing construction to determine whether an archaeological survey will be necessary for any length of the pipeline route.

In the event that a resource is encountered, the Permittee shall contact and consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Permittee shall not excavate at such locations until authorization is provided by the SHPO. Where feasible, avoidance of the resource is required. Where not feasible, mitigation must include an effort to minimize project impacts on the resource consistent with SHPO and State Archaeologist requirements. If human remains are encountered during construction, the Permittee shall immediately halt construction at that location and promptly notify local law enforcement authorities and the State Archaeologist.

Prior to construction, workers shall be trained about the need to avoid cultural properties, how to identify cultural properties, and procedures to follow if undocumented cultural properties, including gravesites, are found during construction.

4.7.23 Damages

The Permittee shall fairly compensate landowners for damage to crops, fences, private roads and lanes, landscaping, drain tile, or other damages sustained during construction unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner

5.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

[Not Applicable for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project]

6.0 PIPELINE SAFETY

In an emergency situation, responders will take appropriate actions necessary to address the emergency. Pursuant to [Minn. Stat. § 216G.02, subd. 3\(a\)](#) the pipeline routing permit may not set safety standards for the construction of pipeline. This would also apply to operation and maintenance. Therefore, this Pipeline Routing Permit does not address pipeline safety related issues.

7.0 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Failure to timely and properly make compliance filings required by this permit is a failure to comply with the conditions of this permit. Compliance filings must be efiled with the Commission.

7.1 Permit Distribution

The Permittee shall, within 10 days of receipt of this pipeline route permit from the Commission, send a copy of the permit to the office of each regional development commission of a development region, soil and water conservation district, watershed district, watershed management district, office of the auditor of each county, and the clerk of each city and township crossed by the designated route. The Permittee shall provide a copy of this pipeline route permit to the landowners before construction on the affected landowner's property at least five days before commencing construction. (Minnesota Rule 7852.3200, subpart 2).

As a separate information piece, the Permittee shall also provide the complaint procedures to affected landowners before construction on the landowners' property.

7.2 Delays in Construction

If the Permittee has not commenced construction or improvement of the route within four years after the date of issuance of this permit the Commission shall suspend the permit in accordance with Minn. R. 7852.3300. At the time of suspension, or later, the Permittee decides to construct the pipeline, it shall certify to the Commission that there have been no material changes in any material aspects of the conditions or circumstances existing when the permit was issued. If the Commission determines that there are no significant changes, it shall reinstate the permit. If the Commission determines that there is a significant change, it may order public information meetings or a new hearing and consider the matter further, or it may require the Permittee to submit a new application.

7.3 Right-of-Way Plan and Profile Construction Specification Review

At least 14 calendar days before right-of-way preparation for construction begins on any segment or portion of the project, the Permittee shall provide the Commission with a plan and profile of the right-of-way and the specifications and drawings for right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration for the segment of pipeline for which construction is scheduled. The documentation shall include maps depicting the plan and profile including the designated route, right-of-way, and pipeline alignment approved per this permit.

The Permittee may not commence construction until the 14 days has expired or until the Commission has advised the Permittee in writing that it has completed its review of the plan and profile documents and determined that the planned construction is consistent with this permit. If the Permittee intends to make any significant changes in its plan and profile or the specifications and drawings after submission to the Commission the Permittee shall notify the Commission at least five days before implementing the changes. No changes shall be made that would be in violation of any of the terms of this permit.

The Permittee shall also provide the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety with the same information provided to the Commission. The Permittee's plan and profile and specifications and drawings, shall become a condition of this permit and shall be complied with by the Permittee ([Minnesota Rule 7852.3500](#)).

7.4 Periodic Status Reports

The Permittee shall report to the Commission on progress regarding finalization of the route, and construction of the pipeline. The Permittee shall report weekly during construction to both the Commission and the Department of Commerce.

7.5 Right of Entry

The Permittee shall allow Commission and Department of Commerce designated representatives to perform the following, upon reasonable notice, upon presentation of credentials and at all times in compliance with the Permittee's site safety standards:

- To enter upon the facilities easement of the property for the purpose of obtaining information, examining records, and conducting surveys or investigations.
- To bring such equipment upon the facilities easement of the property as is necessary to conduct such surveys and investigations.

- To sample and monitor upon the facilities easement of the property.
- To examine and copy any documents pertaining to compliance with the conditions of this Permit.

8.0 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Prior to the start of construction, the Permittee shall submit to the Commission the procedures that will be used to receive and respond to complaints. The procedures shall be in accordance with the requirements of [Minn. R. 7852.3700](#), and as set forth in the complaint procedures attached to this permit. The Permittee shall advise the Commission in writing when such procedure has been established.

The Permittee shall notify the Commission in writing of any complaints received during the course of construction pertaining to [Minn. R 7852.3600](#) that are not resolved within 30 days of the complaint.

Upon request, the Permittee shall assist the Commission with the disposition of unresolved or longstanding complaints. This assistance shall include, but is not limited to, the submittal of complaint correspondence and complaint resolution efforts.

9.0 PERMIT AMENDMENT

The Permittee may apply to the Commission for an amendment of the route designation or to conditions specified in the permit in accordance with the requirements and procedures of [Minn. R. 7852.3400](#).

10.0 PERMIT MODIFICATION OR SUSPENSION

If the Commission determines that substantial evidence supports a finding that a violation of the terms or conditions of this pipeline routing permit has occurred or is likely to occur, it may take action to modify or suspend this permit in accordance with [Minn. R. 7852.3800](#). The Commission may at any time re-consider modification or suspension of this permit if the Permittee has undertaken effective measures to correct the violations.

11.0 COMPLETION OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

11.1 Notification to Commission

At least three days before the pipeline project is to be placed into service, the Permittee shall file with the Commission the date on which the pipeline project will be placed into service and the date on which construction was complete.

11.2 As-Builts

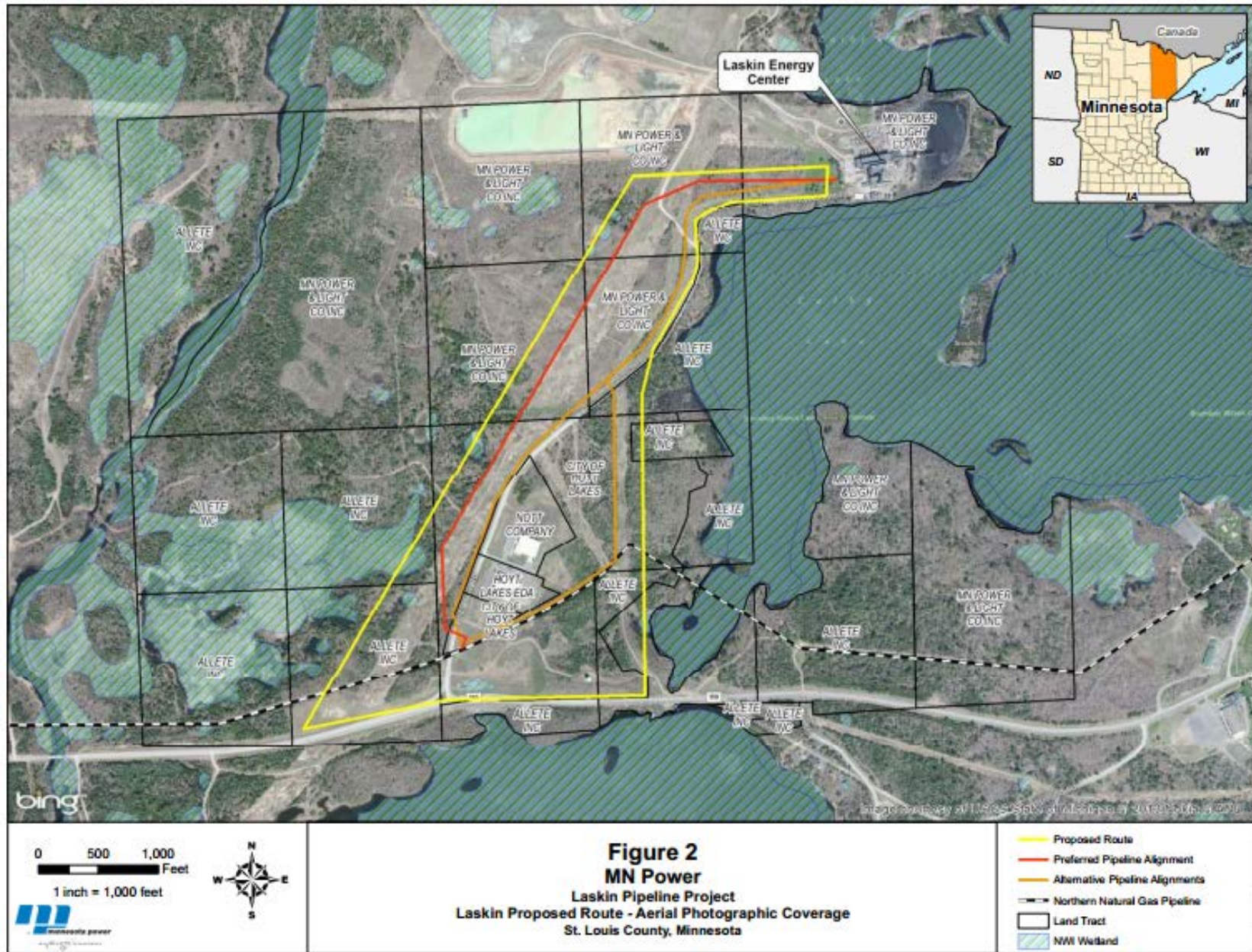
Within 60 days after completion of construction, the Permittee shall file copies of all final as-built plans and specifications developed during the pipeline project.

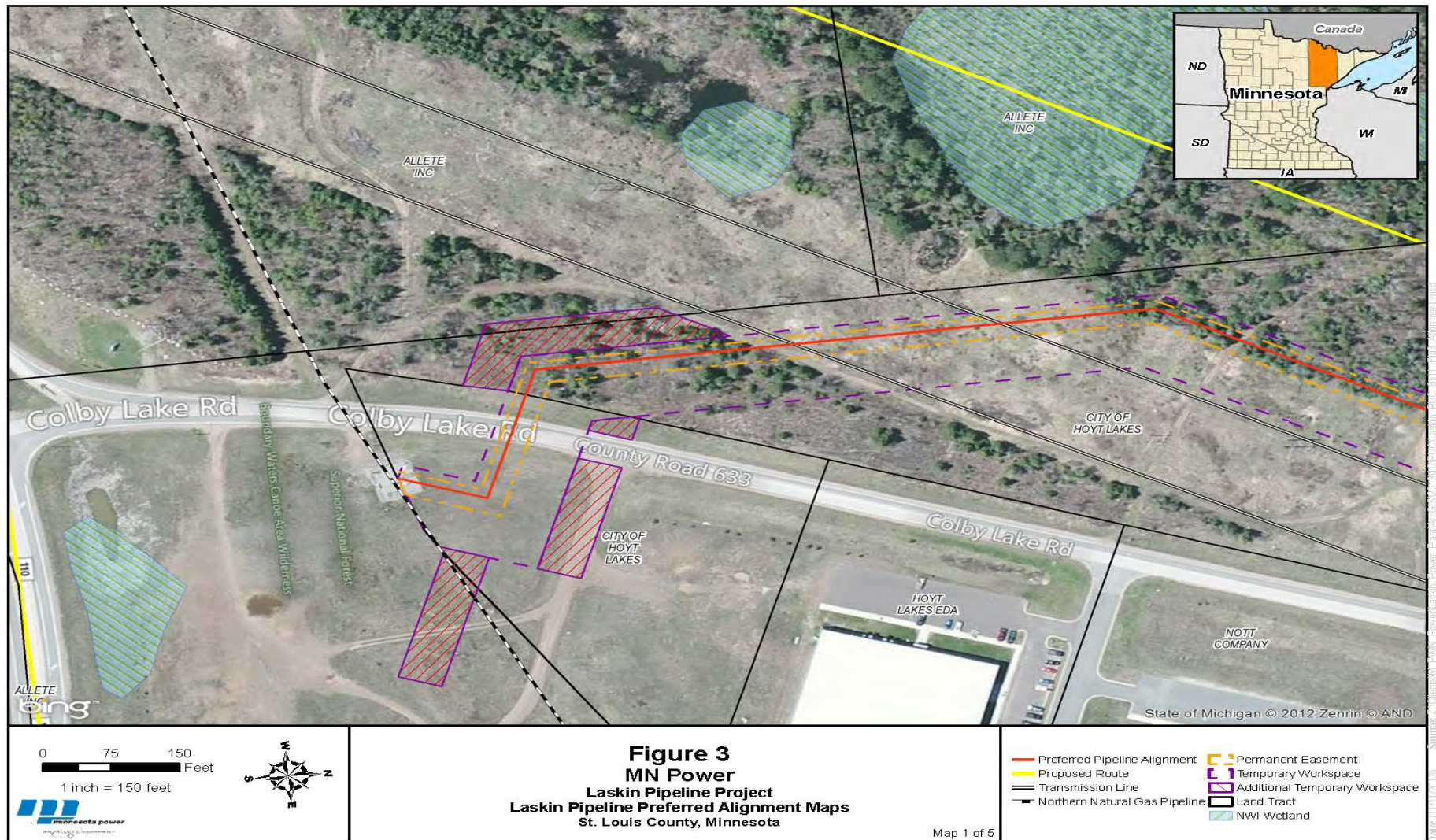
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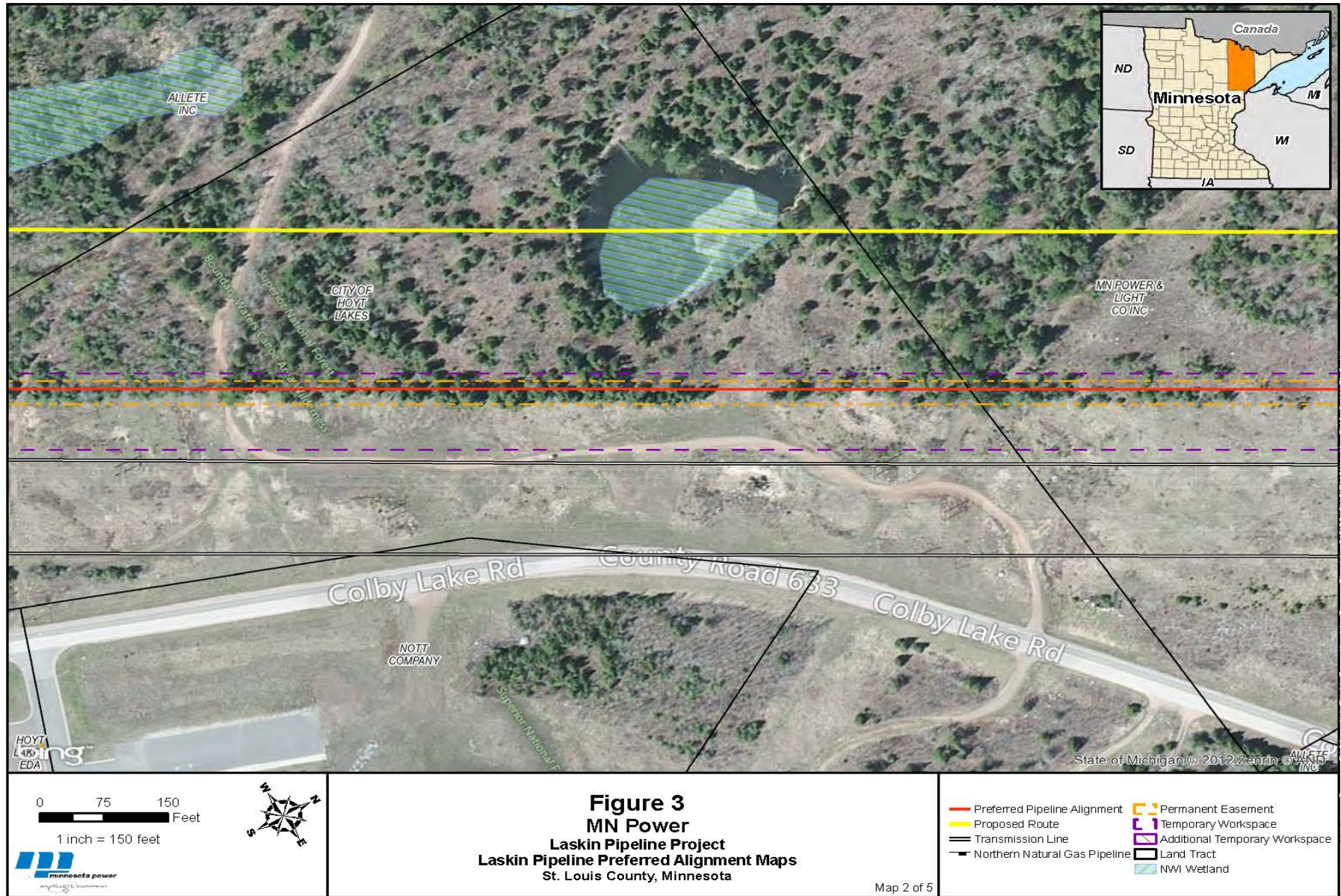
Within 60 days after completion of construction, the Permittee shall file with the Commission, in a GIS compatible format geo-spatial information (e.g., ArcGIS compatible map files, GPS coordinates, associated database of characteristics) for the pipeline, associated facilities and each meter station connected.

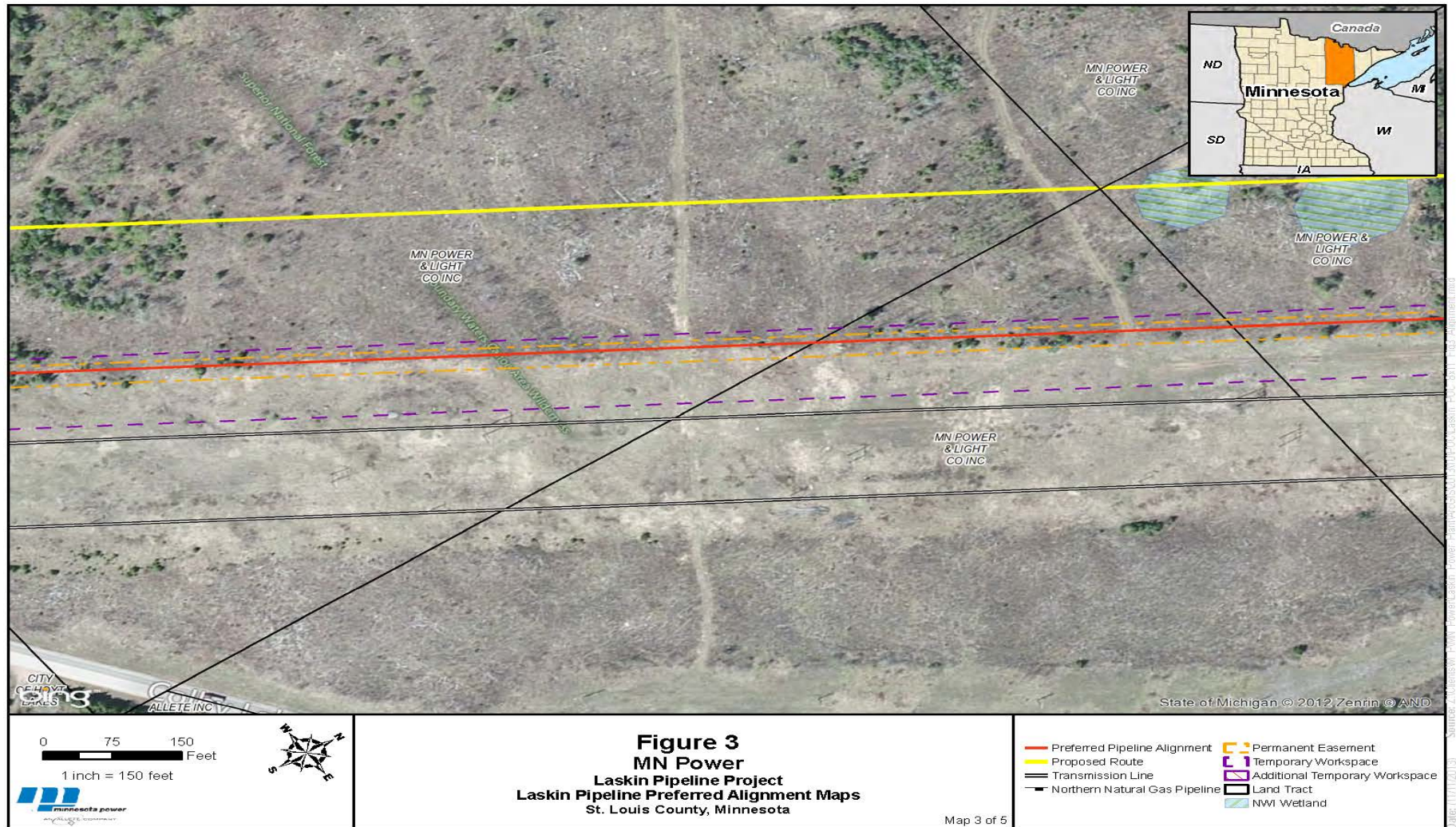
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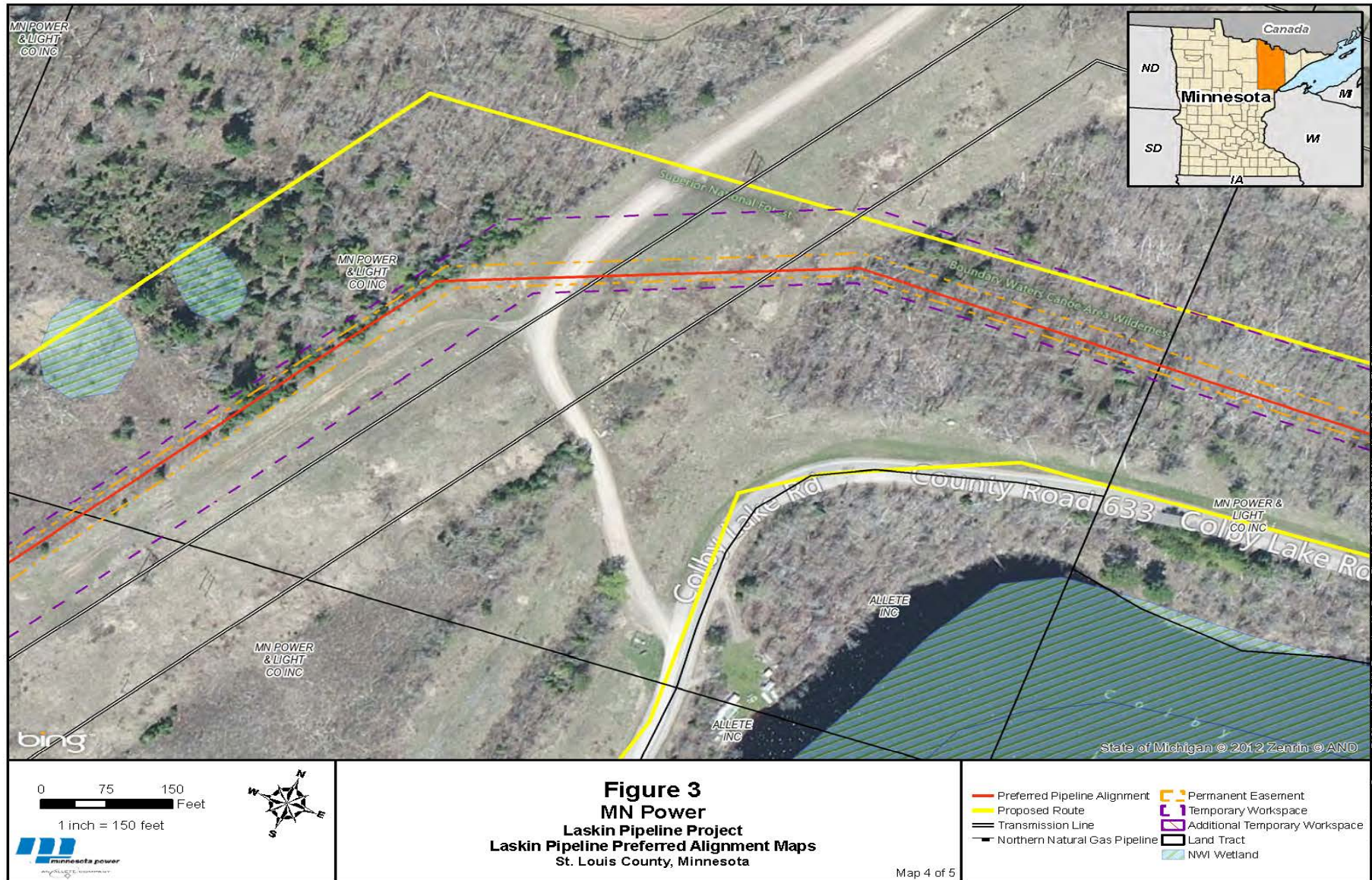
In accordance with [Minn. R. 7852.3900](#), upon a determination by the Permittee that it has completed construction of the pipeline and restored the land in accordance with all permit conditions and agreements with landowners, the Permittee shall file with the Commission a written certification that the permitted pipeline construction has been completed in compliance with all permit conditions. The certification shall be considered by the Commission within 60 days of its filing. The Commission shall accept or reject the certification of completion and make a final determination regarding cost or reimbursements due. If the Commission rejects the certification, it shall inform the Permittee in writing which deficiencies, if corrected, will allow the certification to be accepted. When corrections to the deficiencies are completed, the Permittee shall notify the Commission, and the Commission shall reconsider the certification as soon as possible. After acceptance of the certification by the Commission, the Commission's jurisdiction over the Permittee's pipeline routing permit shall be terminated.

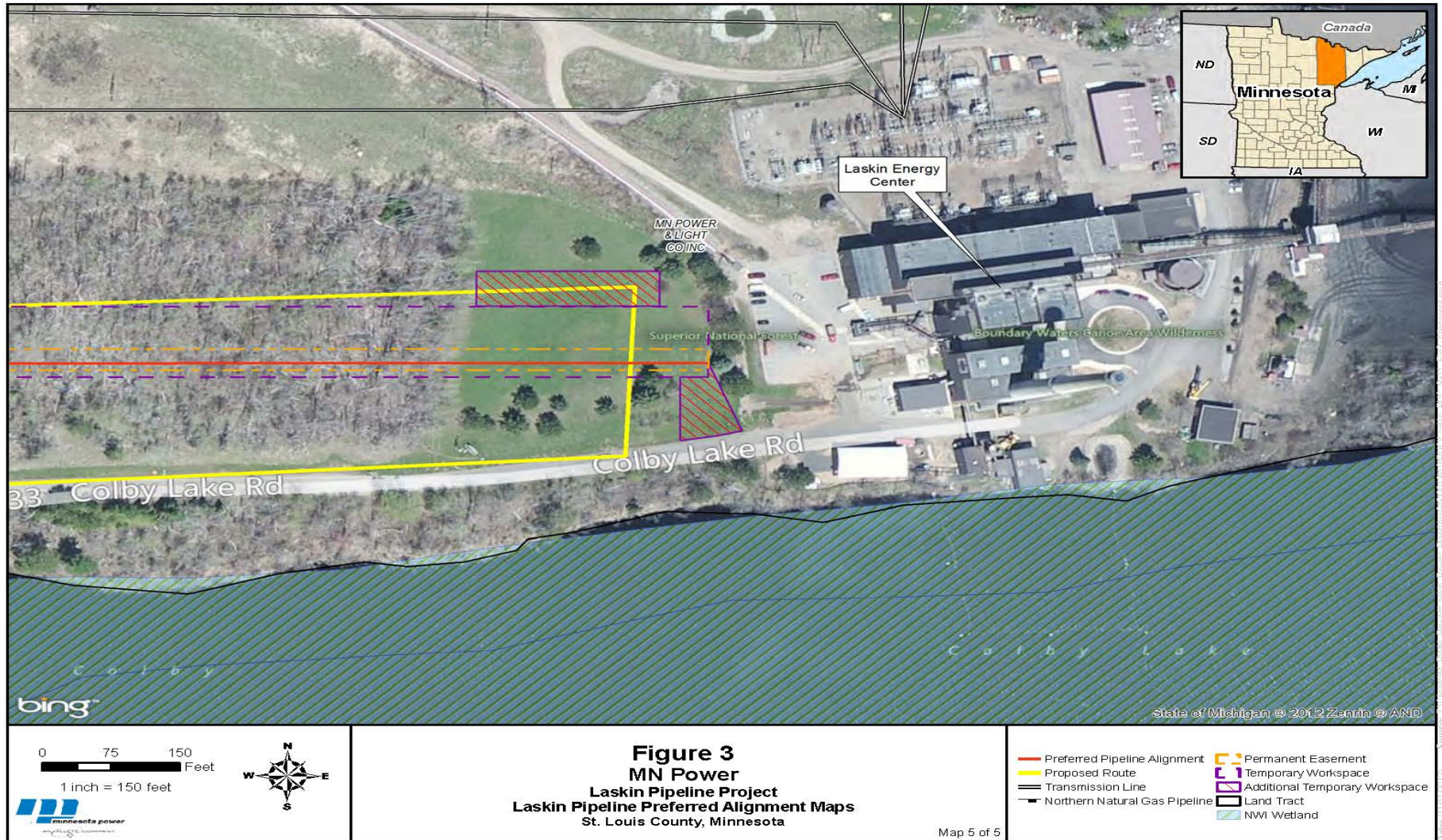












**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURES
FOR
LASKIN ENERGY CENTER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT**

MPUC Docket No. EO15/GP-13-978

A. Purpose:

To establish a uniform and timely method of reporting Complaints received by the Permittee (Minnesota Power) concerning Permit conditions for site preparation, construction, cleanup and restoration and the orderly resolution of such Complaints.

B. Scope:

This document describes Complaint reporting procedures and frequency.

C. Applicability:

These procedures shall be used for all complaints received by the Permittee and all complaints received by the Commission under Minn. Rule 7829.1500 or 7829.1700 relevant to this Permit.

D. Definitions:

Complaint: A verbal or written statement presented to the permittee by a person expressing dissatisfaction or concern regarding pipeline right-of-way alignment, preparation, construction, cleanup or restoration, or other permit conditions. Complaints do not include general inquiries, questions, or general comments.

Substantial Complaint: A written Complaint alleging a violation of a specific Route Permit condition that, if substantiated, could result in permit modification or suspension, pursuant to applicable regulations.

Unresolved Complaint: A Complaint which, despite the good faith efforts of the permittee and a person(s), remains to both or one of the parties unresolved or unsatisfactorily resolved.

Person: An individual, partnership, joint venture, private or public corporation, association, firm, public service company, cooperative, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government agency, public utility district, or any other entity, public or private, however organized.

E. Complaint Documentation and Processing:

1. The Permittee shall document all Complaints by maintaining a record of all applicable information concerning the Complaint, including the following:
 - a. Name of complainant, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
 - b. Precise property description or parcel number.
 - c. Name of Permittee representative receiving Complaint and date of receipt.
 - d. Nature of Complaint and the applicable Route Permit condition(s).
 - e. Activities undertaken to resolve the Complaint.
 - f. Final disposition of the complaint.
2. The Permittee shall designate an individual to summarize Complaints for submittal to the PUC. This person's name, phone number and e-mail address shall accompany all complaint submittals.
3. A Person presenting a Complaint should, to the extent possible, include the following the information in their communications:
 - a. Name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
 - b. Date
 - c. Tract or parcel number
 - d. Whether the complaint relates to (1) a Route Permit matter, (2) a pipeline location matter, or (3) a compliance issue.

F. Reporting Requirements

The permittee shall report all Complaints to the Commission according to the following schedule:

Immediate Reports: All substantial complaints shall be reported to the Commission by phone or e-mail the same day received or on the following working day for complaints received after working hours. Such reports are to be directed to Pipeline Permit Compliance, 1-800-657-3794, or by e-mail to: DOC.energypermitcompliance@state.mn.us. Voice messages are acceptable

Monthly Reports: By the 15th of each month, a summary of all complaints, including substantial complaints received or resolved during the preceding month, shall be eFiled to Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, PUC using the Minnesota Department of Commerce eDocket system (see eFiling instructions attached to this permit).

If no Complaints were received during the preceding month, the permittee shall submit (eFile) a summary indicating that no complaints were received.

G. Complaints Received by the PUC or DOC

Complaints received directly by the PUC or DOC from aggrieved persons regarding right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration shall be promptly sent to the permittee.

H. PUC Process for Unresolved Complaints

Initial Screening: Commission staff shall perform an initial evaluation of unresolved Complaints submitted to the Commission. Complaints raising substantive Route Permit issues shall be processed and resolved by the Commission. Staff shall notify the Permittee and appropriate person(s) if it determines that the Complaint is a Substantial Complaint. With respect to such Complaints, each party shall submit a written summary of its position to the Commission no later than ten days after receipt of the Staff notification. Staff shall present Briefing Papers to the Commission, which shall resolve the Complaint within twenty days of submission of the Briefing Papers.

Compensation Issues: If the Commission Staff's initial screening determines that a Complaint raises issues concerning the just compensation to be paid to landowners on account of the Permittee's acquisition of easements, Staff shall recommend to the Executive Secretary that the matter is outside the scope of the Commission's authority. If the Executive Secretary concurs, he shall so report to the Commission and so notify the Permittee and the Complainant.

I. Permittee Contacts for Complaints

Mailing Address:

Complaints filed by mail should be sent to:

ATTN: Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project Supervisor
James B. Atkinson
Environmental Siting and Permit Manager
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Tel: 218-355-3561

Email Address: jbatkinson@allete.com

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMPLIANCE FILING PROCEDURE
FOR PERMITTED ENERGY FACILITIES**

1. Purpose

To establish a uniform and timely method of submitting information required by Commission energy facility permits.

2. Scope and Applicability

This procedure encompasses all compliance filings required by permit.

3. Definitions

Compliance Filing – A sending (filing) of information to the Commission, where the information is required by a Commission site or route permit.

4. Responsibilities

- A) The permittee shall eFile all compliance filings with Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, through the Department of Commerce (DOC) eDocket system. The system is located on the DOC website:
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/home.jsp>

General instructions are provided on the website. Permittees must register on the website to eFile documents.

- B) All filings must have a cover sheet that includes:

- 1) Date
- 2) Name of submitter / permittee
- 3) Type of Permit (Site or Route)
- 4) Project Location
- 5) Project Docket Number
- 6) Permit Section Under Which the Filing is Made
- 7) Short Description of the Filing

- C) Filings that are graphic intensive (e.g., maps, plan and profile) must, in addition to being eFiled, be submitted as paper copies and on CD. Copies and CDs should be sent to: 1) Dr. Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2147, and 2) Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2198. Additionally, the Commission may request a paper copy of any eFiled document

PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILINGS¹

PERMITTEE: Minnesota Power
PERMIT TYPE: Pipeline Route Permit
PROJECT LOCATION: St. Louis County
PUC DOCKET NUMBER: E015/GP-13-978

Permit Section	Description	Due Date	eDocket Doc. ID	Date Filed
4.1	Field Representative	14 days prior to construction		
4.7.3	Inspector and Monitor Notice Requirements	14 days prior to construction		
7.1	Permit Distribution Requirements	Within 10 days of receipts and 5 days prior to construction on a landowners property		
7.3	Right-Of-Way Plan and Profile Construction Specification Review	14 days prior to construction		

¹ This compilation of permit compliance filings is provided for the convenience of the permittee and the Commission. However, it is not a substitute for the permit; the language of the permit controls.