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July 13, 2013

Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul MN 55101-2147

Re: Request for a Minor Alteration for the Brookings to Hampton Transmission Line  
PUC Docket Number/s: E-002, ET2/TL-08-1474  
OAH Docket Number: 7-2500-20283-2  
DNR ERDB Number: 20090424

Dear Burl Haar:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Request for a Minor Alteration submitted for the Brookings to Hampton Transmission Line. The DNR is in agreement with the project developers that the proposed alteration reduces tree clearing near the crossing of the Vermillion River. Measures should be taken with either route to reduce wetland impacts by spanning wetlands if possible. Also, it should be noted that a License to Cross Public Waters would still be needed for the alteration and additional conditions may apply.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this Request for a Minor Alteration. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jamie Schrenzel'.

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