

In the Matter of the Applications of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project in Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood, and Lyon counties in Minnesota, E-002/CN-22-131 and E-002/TL-22-132

Ham Decision Alternative (Tribal Monitoring Permit Language)

The Permittee is required to coordinate with the Lower Sioux Indian Community (Lower Sioux) and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa (Bois Forte) during preconstruction and construction activities that are within a buffer of 250 yards of known historical and culturally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, Site 21RW0001, and sites near the Minnesota River. Coordination efforts must include, but are not limited to, Tribal construction monitors. The Permittee must file a preconstruction filing at least 14 days prior to the preconstruction meeting describing the coordination that occurred between the Xcel Energy and the Lower Sioux and Bois Forte. Xcel Energy must also describe the mitigation and routing strategies taken to avoid impacting the culturally sensitive areas.