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

Re: Enbridge Energy Certificate of Need Application for the Line 67 – Phase 2 Upgrade

PUC Docket Number/s: PL-9/CN-13-153

DNR ERDB Number: 20140003

Dear Burl Haar:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the locations of proposed station upgrades. A desktop review of possible natural resource impacts was completed for locations with any new construction. The following comments should be considered when assessing the project.

Any wetland impacts should be coordinated through Wetland Conservation Act Local Government Unit as there are no apparent impacts to public waters or public water wetlands.

The Floodwood station upgrade is located near a surficial drainage to the Floodwood River. This drainage path is an important reason to emphasize careful implementation of the Environmental Mitigation Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Line 67 – Phase 2 Upgrade Project. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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