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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE APPLICATION OF MINNESOTA POWER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE GREAT NORTHERN HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 19, 2013 at 4:30pm.

Reply comment period closes December 3, 2013 at 4:30pm.

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Does the application contain the information required by Minnesota Rules, part 7849.0220, subpart 2?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?

Project Background: Minnesota Power has proposed to construct an approximately 240-mile 500-kilovolt High-Voltage Transmission Line, which would run from the Canada-U.S. border to the Blackberry substation in Itasca County.

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