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RE: Correction to the Minnesota Department of Commerce's November 19, 2013 Comments  
Docket No. E015/CN-12-1163

Dear Dr. Haar:

On November 19, 2013, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) submitted comments regarding the completeness of Minnesota Power's (the Company) application for a Certificate of Need for the Great Northern Transmission Line. In our comments, the Department inadvertently quoted from our December 17, 2012 comments, rather than our January 23, 2013 comments as intended. Specifically, the Department's November 19, 2013 completeness comments stated:

Regarding forecast data, the Commission's Order states:

The Commission hereby grants Minnesota Power's exemption request, with the Company's provision of alternative relevant data, as modified and described in the Department's January 23, 2013 comments.

In turn, the Department's January 23, 2013 comments state:

Deny the proposed exemptions listed below:

- 7849.0270, Subp. 2 (B and C); Customer Class Information; however, MP should also provide the proposed alternative data at the detailed substation-specific level.

This quote cited above was actually from the Department's December 17, 2012 comments. The correct quote from the January 23, 2013 comments is:

The Department now recommends granting an exemption to Minnesota Rules subps. 2(B) and 2(C) conditioned upon the provision of all the proposed data. Thus, the issue is resolved between the parties.

Therefore, the Department recommends that the Commission determine that the Company's Petition is substantially complete. The Department also recommends that the Commission refer the Petition to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ STEVE RAKOW  
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce  
Correction to Department's November 19, 2013 Comments**

**Docket No. E015/CN-12-1163**

Dated this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **November, 2013**

**/s/Sharon Ferguson**

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