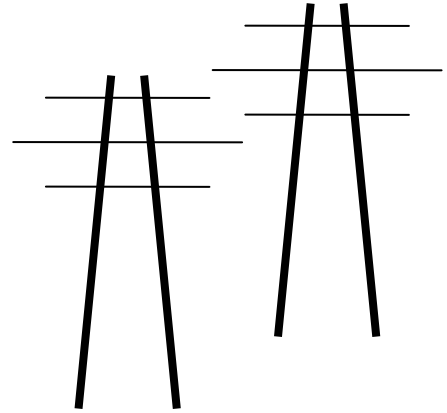


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RE: Great Northern Transmission Line  
MPUC Docket No. E015/CN-12-1163

Dear Dr. Haar:

A quick comment, as an individual, not in the course of representing any party, regarding the December 3, 2013, Minnesota Power response to the “Regional Utilities” comment.

Minnesota Power is off-base when it states that:

*However, at this time, the Regional Utilities do not appear to have a unique interest in the Project – a fully participant funded transmission line – particularly considering that the Department will represent the interests of Minnesota ratepayers and the public.*

First, the Department does not represent the interests of Minnesota ratepayers and the public. The OAG-AUD is the entity representing ratepayers, and neither the Department nor OAG-AUD represents the public.

Second, the “Regional Utilities” would likely have a unique interest in this proceeding as logical competitors in transmission. On the other hand, it’s nice to see acknowledgement of the capacity of the CapX 2020 project and the admission of the desire of CapX utilities to utilize it!

Very truly yours,

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