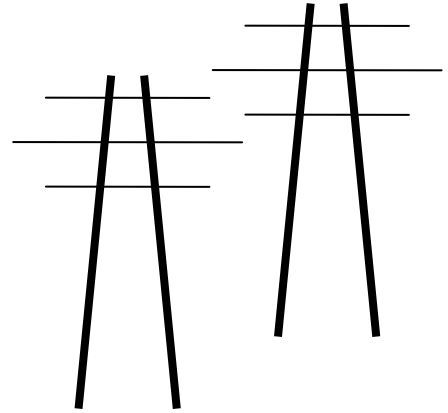


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RE: Petition for Intervention and Notice of Appearance
Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-So-Great-Northern Transmission
Minnesota Power's Great Northern Transmission Line
OAH Docket: ??
PUC Docket E-015/CN-12-1163

Dear Judge O'Reilly:

Enclosed and eFiled please find Petition for Intervention and Notice of Appearance in the above-entitled matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,

Carol A. Overland
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cc: Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-So-Great-Northern Transmission

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of Minnesota
Power for a Certificate of Need for the
Great Northern Transmission Line Project

OAH Docket No.:
PUC Docket No.: E15/CN-12-1163

PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

**RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS AGAINST
NOT-SO-GREAT-NORTHERN TRANSMISSION**

The Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission (RRANT) hereby makes this Petition for Intervention as full parties, with all the rights of a party. RRANT¹ is an association of potentially directly affected landowners, farmers and residents and directly affected ratepayers within the immediate vicinity of the proposed Great Northern Transmission Line and in Minnesota in the service territory of Minnesota Power. The Residents and Ratepayers have joined together in an association to pool their skills and resources to participate in this Certificate of Need docket.

Under the provisions of Minn.R. 1400.6200, subp.1, and 1405.0900, subp. 1, Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission make this Petition for an Order granting intervention as a full party, with all the rights of a party, in the above-captioned proceeding. Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission's members will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding if a Certificate of Need were to be granted. The interests of the Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission are distinct from other intervenors due to the focus of interest on the project's size

¹ Used in the "to talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner" sense! "Rant." *Merriam-Webster.com*. Merriam-Webster, n.d. Web. 10 Jan. 2014. <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rant> .

in relation to the need claim for local load serving and Power Purchase Agreement, the market and export based need claim, the private purpose of market transactions, and whether a Certificate of Need should be issued for a project that is in large part for market and export transactions. Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission wish to protect its members' interests and develop the record in this administrative docket.

Members of the Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission have participated as individuals in at least two rounds of pre-application meetings held by the Applicants. Counsel for RRANT has also met with Applicants' attorney and raised concerns, requested information, and Applicants have been open and responsive to our requests.

There are no Intervenors or parties requesting Intervention that could or would represent the distinct interests of the Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission. Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission recognize the rights and responsibilities of intervention under the procedural rules of the Commission.

Residents and Ratepayers Against Not-so-Great-Northern Transmission meets the criteria for intervention and respectfully requests that it be granted intervention as a full party, with all the rights of a party, in the above-captioned proceeding.

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Name, Address and Telephone Number of Administrative Law Judge:

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TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

You are advised that the party named below will appear at the above-captioned matter.

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