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**Great Northern Transmission Project - Information Request #7**

Docket Number: PUC Docket No.: E-015/CN-12-1163      Request Date: February 24, 2014  
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Requested From: Eric Swanson, attorney for MP; David Moeller, MP/Allete

Party Requesting Information: Carol A. Overland for RRANT

*If you feel your responses are trade secret or privileged, please indicate this on your response.*

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7. Minnesota Power states that it “will be asking its customers to be responsible for only one-third of the Project cost, corresponding to the portion of the line needed for the delivery of the 250 MW.”
- How is “customers” defined in the above sentence – native retail customers, residential, commercial, industrial, wholesale customers, or ?
  - If the line is used at a higher capacity than 750 MW, will the Minnesota Power customers share be adjusted, and if so, how.

**Response:**

- Minnesota Power defines customer as all retail and wholesale customers who take transmission services from Minnesota Power. This also includes all transmission only customers that may take transmission service under the MISO tariff.
- Preliminary studies indicate that the line capacity will be 750 MW; however additional studies are now underway to update that figure. The financial obligations to Minnesota Power customers will remain constant and will not increase as the result of any change to the capacity of the line.

These requests are continuing, and if new or additional information is discovered, please supplement your responses as soon as possible.

Electronic format preferred, via email or CD.

Response by: Michael Donahue      List sources of information: \_\_\_\_\_

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