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Great Northern Transmission Project - Information Request #8

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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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8.	<p>Minnesota power states that customers will also be responsible for only one-third of the maintenance costs associated with the project.” As above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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