

Agenda – September 30, 2014

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Working Group – Great Northern Transmission Line Project
High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit Application
PUC Docket No. E015/TL-14-21

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1. Introductions

Department of Commerce (Environmental Review)/BARR
Minnesota Power (Applicant)
Working Group Members

2. Project Overview (Applicant)

3. Regulatory Review Process Overview (Department)

Minn. Stat. 216E/Minn. Rule Chapter 7850
Public Utilities Commission
Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review & Analysis
Draft EIS Scoping Document

4. Working Group “Charge”

The working group is “charged” with assisting the EERA staff in developing the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the proposed project. Specifically, the working group will:

- (1) Assisting in identifying specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be analyzed in the EIS, and*
- (2) Assisting in determining potential route and route segment alternatives that should be analyzed in the EIS.*

These efforts are designed to assure that conflicts with, or issues relative to, regional and local planning are identified for consideration in the EIS.

5. Review of the DRAFT Scoping Summary (Department/BARR)

Comments/alternative routes/alignment modifications

6. Discussion of Local/Regional issues

7. Follow-up

Next meeting (week of October 20th)?
Homework (survey form)
Agenda/topics for next meeting
Meeting Minutes