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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
350 Metro Square Building, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Route Permit Compliance Filing Report and Complaint Report for April 2019  
Great Northern 500kV Transmission Line Project  
**Docket No. E015/TL-14-21**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On April 11, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) granted Minnesota Power (“Permittees”) a route permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line (“GNTL”) Project in northern Minnesota.

Per Route Permit Attachment B, the Status Report for April 2019 is attached. Additional information on the schedule and status of the Project is available at: <http://www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com>.

Per the Complaint Handling Procedures established for this Project, the Permittee shall report to the Commission (via electronic filing) a summary of all complaints, including substantial complaints received or resolved during the preceding month. No complaints were received in April.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to give me a call at 218-723-3963 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Moeller".

David Moeller

DRM: sr  
Attach.



**Great Northern Transmission Line Project**  
**Docket No. E-015/TL-14-21**

**Monthly Status Report and Complaint Documentation**  
**Route Permit Attachment B**

**April 2019**

**Transmission Line Activities**

**Segment 1:**

Clearing (100% Complete)

Soil Borings (100% Complete)

Foundations (100% Complete)

Overhead

- Hooper-Wilson began assembling self-support towers in Segment 1. (35% Complete)
- Materials were received at the Warroad Yard.

**Segment 2:**

Clearing (100% Complete)

Soil Borings (100% Complete)

Foundations (100% Complete)

Overhead

- Hooper-Wilson completed all Segment 2 structure assembly in April. (100% Complete)
- Hooper-Wilson continued installing wire in Segment 2. (91% Complete)

**Segment 3:**

Clearing (100% Complete)

Soil Borings (100% Complete)

Foundations (100% Complete)

Overhead

- All structures in Segment 3 have been set. (100% Complete)
- Hooper-Wilson is focusing on Segment 2 wire and are planning to resume Segment 3 wire activities in early May. (71% Complete)

**Segment 4:**

Clearing (100%)

Soil Borings (100% Complete)

Foundations (100%)

Overhead

- Hooper-Wilson continued receiving Segment 4 overhead materials in April.
- NCI continued to install mats for fly yards allowing access for tower assembly.
- Hooper-Wilson also began assembling structures in fly yards. (49% Complete)
- Segment 4 tower setting also started in April. (21% Complete)

## **Substation Activities**

### **Iron Range Substation:**

- No construction activities took place at the Iron Range Substation in April.

### **Warroad River Series Compensation Station:**

- No activity occurred in April.

## **Safety**

- No recordable injuries occurred in April.

## **Environmental**

- SWPPP inspections were ongoing throughout all Segments.
- No reportable spills occurred in April.

## **Complaints**

- No complaints were filed in April.

Photo 1: Segment 1 – Self Support Assembly



Photo 2: Segment 2 – Traveler Hanging

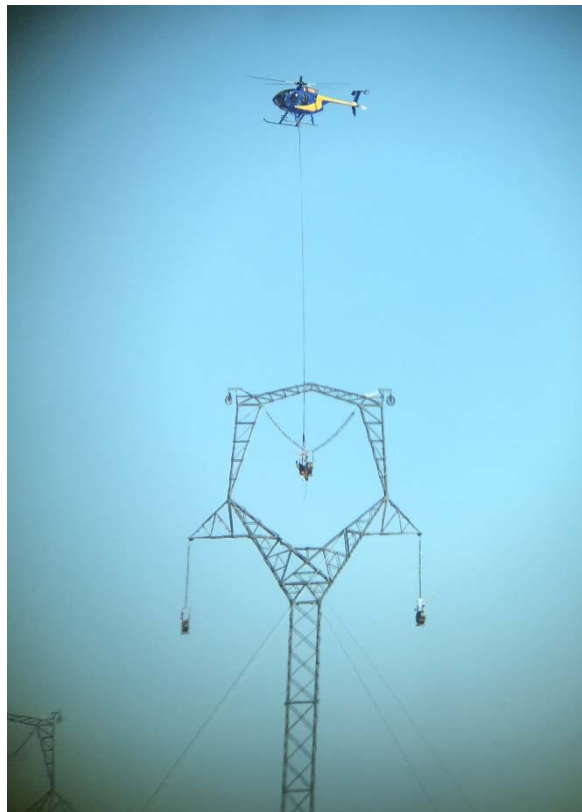


Photo 3: Segment 4 – Tower Setting



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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the **6<sup>th</sup>** day of **May, 2019**, she served Minnesota Power's April 2019 Status Report in **Docket No. E015/TL-14-21** on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The persons on E-Docket's Official Service List for this Docket were served as requested.



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Susan Romans