



May 7, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Will Seuffert
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 2020
Great Northern 500kV Transmission Line Project
Docket No. E015/TL-14-21

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

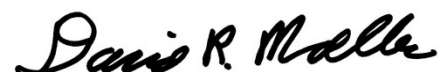
On April 11, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) granted Minnesota Power (“Permittees”) a route permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line (“GNTL”) Project in northern Minnesota.

Per Route Permit Attachment B, the Status Report for April 2020 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. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or dmoeller@allete.com.

Yours truly,



David R. Moeller
Senior Attorney and
Director of Regulatory Compliance

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Attach.

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

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

April 2020

Transmission Line Activities

Segment 1:

Clearing (100% Complete)
Soil Borings (100% Complete)
Foundations (100% Complete)
Overhead (100% Complete)

Segment 2:

Clearing (100% Complete)
Soil Borings (100% Complete)
Foundations (100% Complete)
Overhead (100% Complete)

Segment 3:

Clearing (100% Complete)
Soil Borings (100% Complete)
Foundations (100% Complete)
Overhead (100% Complete)

Segment 4:

Clearing (100% Complete)
Soil Borings (100% Complete)
Foundations (100% Complete)
Overhead (100% Complete)

Substation Activities

Iron Range Substation:

- Motor operated air break switch installation. (100% complete)
- Contractor supplied material for power wiring, Bus, jumpers complete. Punch list items. (100% complete)
- Power circuit breaker installation. (100% complete)
- 500 kV cap bank installation. (100% complete)
- Current limiting reactors installed. (100% complete)
- Pad mounted transformers, AC panels, safety switch install. (100% complete)
- Furnish and install outdoor lighting, material on site. (100% complete)
- Furnish and install control cable. (100% complete)
- Install (8) of (8) control panels. (100% complete)
- Yard restoration and placement of rock surfacing. The final surfacing will resume in May. (84% complete)
- Above grade grounding. (100% complete)
- Above grade conduit. (100% complete)
- Demobilization began in April. (40%)

Warroad River Series Compensation Station:

- NCC finished installing control wiring. (100% complete)
- Equipment installation finished. (100% complete)
- Series Compensation platform erected & commissioned. (100% complete)
- Yard restoration and rock surfacing remaining. Scheduled to begin early May. (40% complete)
- Commissioning crews tested all equipment except communications to EMS. (95% complete)

Black River Regen Station

- Complete

Togo Regen Station

- Complete

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: Iron Range Substation – Current Limiting Reactor Corona Rings Installed



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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE VIA
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Tiana Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 7th day of May, 2020, she served Minnesota Power's April Status Report in **Docket No. E015/TL-14-21** on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Energy Security via electronic filing. Parties for the above-mentioned Docket's E-Dockets Official Service List were served as noted.



Tiana Heger