



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF SCOPING DECISION AND INTENT TO PREPARE AN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line from
Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota**

PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) announces the release of the scoping decision and notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Brookings – Hampton 345 kV transmission line project.

Electronic versions of the EIS scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19860>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "08" and Number "1474").

The scoping decision identifies the issues and alternatives that the Director of OES has determined are appropriate for inclusion in the EIS. The scoping decision also identifies certain issues that will not be included in the EIS. The draft EIS is anticipated to be complete and available in October 2009.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security project manager: Scott Ek, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.8813; e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us.