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Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
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**RE: Comments and Recommendation of the Office of Energy Security Energy  
Facility Permitting Staff on a Route Permit (Docket No. E002, ET2/TL-09-246)**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the Comments and Recommendation of the Office of Energy Security Energy  
Facility Permitting (EFP) Staff:

**In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Monticello to St. Cloud 345  
kV Transmission Line Project**

EFP recommends issuance of a route permit along the Applicants' Preferred Route as modified  
within the attached draft permit and route maps.

EFP staff is available to answer questions from the Commission.

Sincerely,

David E. Birkholz  
EFP Staff

Attachments