

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**ROUTE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH
VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATION**

IN ITASCA COUNTY

**ISSUED TO
MINNESOTA POWER AND NASHWAUK PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION**

PUC DOCKET No. E280/TL-09-512

In accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E.03 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850, this route permit is hereby issued to:

MINNESOTA POWER AND NASHWAUK PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Minnesota Power (MP) and Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission (NPUC) are authorized by this route permit to construct approximately 37 miles of new 230 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission lines (HVTL) and two new substations in Itasca County in the State of Minnesota.

The transmission line and substation project shall be built within the routes identified in this permit and as portrayed on the attached, official route maps, and in compliance with the conditions specified in this permit.

Approved and adopted this _____ day of July 2010

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar,
Executive Secretary

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I. ROUTE PERMIT

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby issues this route permit to MP and NPUC (Permittees) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E.03 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850. This permit authorizes the Permittees to build approximately 37 miles of 230 kV transmission line, two new substations and modification of an existing substation in Itasca County.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Permittees are authorized to construct a project comprising Blackberry Substation modifications, four new HVTLs and two new Substations as described in the Application and detailed below:

1. Route 1. Route 1 taps into the existing 230 kV Boswell to Shannon 94 Line (94 Line Shannon End) approximately 0.75 miles west of State Highway 65. This route then travels 7.5 miles south to the 230 kV Essar Steel Plant Substation. The anticipated alignment is along the western quarter section line of the following: T58N, R23W, Sections 24, 25, and 36; T57N, R23W, Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, and 25. The route width is 3,000 feet.
2. Route 2. Route 2 taps into the existing 230 kV Boswell to Shannon 94 Line (94 Line Boswell End) approximately 1 mile south of where the 94 Line crosses CSAH 60 (T57N, R24W, Section 31). The route then travels south for 1.6 miles to the existing 115 kV 28 Line through Section 6 of T56N, R24W. The route turns east, with an anticipated alignment along the south side of the existing 115 kV 28 Line for 8.4 miles through Sections 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 of T56N, R24W, and Sections 6, 5, and 4 of T56N, R23W. At this point the route breaks from the 28 Line and continues northeast and then east for 0.75 mile to the 230 kV Essar Mine Substation in Section 3 of T56N, R23W. The route width is 500 feet wide, along existing transmission line right-of-way and 1,500 feet at the west and east sections of the route where no existing right-of-way exist.
3. Route 3. Route 3 would begin at the existing Minnesota Power 230 kV Blackberry Substation (T55N, R23W, Section 19) and travel northeast along the two existing Minnesota Power 115 kV HVTL (63 line and 62 Line). The anticipated alignment is along the west side of the existing Minnesota Power 115 kV 63 Line for 11.4 miles. The existing 115 kV 62 line, located to the west of 63 Line, will be dismantled. The new 230 kV transmission line will then be constructed within the former 62 Line right-of-way. The route follows the 63 Line northeast through Sections 19, 18, 17, 9, 8, 4, and 3 of T55N, R23W, and Sections 34, 35, 27, 26, 24, 23, 13, 12, 7, and 6 of T56N, R22W. The route then turns northwest for 1.9 miles, crossing U.S. Highway 169 and the Hawkins mine, to CSAH 58. The route continues west with the anticipated alignment located along the south side of CSAH 58 for 0.3 mile to a point west of the cemetery. The route crosses CSAH 58 and continues west along the north side of the

highway for 0.8 mile to the Essar Steel Plant Substation. The route passes through Section 31 of T57N, R22W, and Sections 36 and 25 of T57N, P23W, in the section between U.S. Highway 169 and the 230 kV Essar Steel Plant Substation. The route width is 500 feet when following existing transmission lines and 3,500 feet in all other locations.

4. Route 4. Route 4 begins at the proposed 230 kV Essar Mine Substation and travels northeast for approximately 2.5 miles with the anticipated alignment located along the west side of proposed ESML railroad, underground utilities and haul road right-of-way to CSAH 58. At CSAH 58, the route heads east for 0.35 mile with the anticipated alignment located along the north side of the CSAH 58 to the 230 kV Essar Steel Plant Substation. The route extends through Sections 2 and 3 of T56N, P23W and Sections 36, 35, 34, 26, and 25 of T57N, P23W. The route width is 3,000 feet.
5. Essar Steel Mine Substation. The Essar Steel Mine substation will require approximately 1.4 acres of land. The Mine substation would be connected to the Boswell end of the 94 Line via Route 2 and the proposed Plant substation via Route 4. The fenced substation area will be approximately 350 feet by 300 feet and require an access road. Approximately three acres of land will be cleared and graded to construct the proposed steel plant substation. After site grading, a perimeter fence will be installed and construction of the substation will begin.
6. Essar Steel Plant Substation. The Essar Steel Plant substation will require approximately 4.5 acres of land northeast of the intersection of CSAH 58 and Hilltop Road on the north edge of the steel plant operations area. The Plant substation will be connected to the Shannon end of the 94 Line via Route 1; the Blackberry substation via Route 3; and the proposed Mine substation via Route 4. The fenced substation area will be approximately 600 feet by 500 feet and require an access road. Approximately seven acres of land will be cleared and graded to construct the proposed steel plant substation. After site grading, a perimeter fence would be installed and construction of the substation will begin.
7. Blackberry Substation Expansion. The expansion of the Blackberry substation will be on Minnesota Power owned property and within the existing substation fence line. The required modifications include a new 230 kV line exit and a new 230 kV circuit breaker and associated relay, controls and communications. This would involve installing a 230 kV dead end line entrance structure, 230 kV circuit breaker and associated foundations, and 230 kV switches. A new control panel would be installed within the existing substation control house as well as associated control and communications cables.

III. DESIGNATED ROUTE

The approved route is shown on the aerial photos attached to this permit and further designated as follows:

A. Route Width and Alignment. The width of the designated routes ranges from 500 feet to 3,000 feet and is indicated on the attached aerial photos. The final alignment (i.e., permanent and maintained rights-of-way) will be located within this designated route unless otherwise authorized below. This width will provide the Permittee with the flexibility to do minor adjustments of the specific alignment or right-of-way to accommodate landowner requests and unforeseen conditions.

The designated route identifies an anticipated alignment that minimizes the overall potential impacts relating to the factors identified in Minn. Rule 7850.4100 and which was evaluated in the environmental review and permitting processes. As such, this permit anticipates that the actual right-of-way will generally conform to this alignment unless changes are requested by individual landowners or unforeseen conditions are encountered, or are otherwise provided for by this permit. Any alignment modifications within this designated route shall be located to have comparable overall impacts relative to the factors in Minn. Rule 7850.4100 as does the alignment identified in this permit, and shall be specifically identified (i.e., highlight or otherwise specified) in and approved as part of the Plan and Profile submitted pursuant to Part IV.A. of this permit.

Route width variations outside the designated route may be allowed for the Permittee to overcome potential site specific constraints. These constraints may arise from any of the following:

1. Unforeseen circumstances encountered during the detailed engineering and design process.
2. Federal or state agency requirements.
3. Existing infrastructure within the transmission line route, including but not limited to roadways, railroads, natural gas and liquid pipelines, high voltage electric transmission lines, or sewer and water lines.
4. Planned infrastructure improvements identified by state agencies and LGUs and made part of the evidentiary record during the contested case proceeding for this permit.

Any alignment modifications arising from these site specific constraints that would result in right-of-way placement outside the designated route shall be located to have comparable overall impacts relative to the factors in Minn. Rule 7850.4100 as does the alignment identified in this permit and also shall be specifically identified (i.e., highlight or otherwise specified) in and approved as part of the Plan and Profile submitted pursuant to Part IV.A. of this permit.

B. Right-of-Way Placement. Where the transmission line route parallels existing highway rights-of-way, the transmission line ROW shall occupy and utilize the existing highway right-of-way to the maximum extent possible, consistent with the criteria in Minn. Rule 7850.4100, the other requirements of this permit and the requirements for highways under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Department of Transportation in accordance with Mn/DOT rules, policies, and procedures for accommodating utilities in trunk highway rights-of-way.

C. Right-of-Way Width. The 230 kV transmission line will be built primarily with two-pole H-frame structures, which will typically require a 130 feet ROW. H-frame structures will range in height from 60 to 90 feet and will be placed between 600 to 1,000 feet apart. Permittees shall locate the poles as close to property division lines as reasonably possible.

IV. PERMIT CONDITIONS

The Permittees shall comply with the following conditions during construction of the transmission line and associated facilities and the life of this permit.

A. Plan and Profile. At least 20 calendar days before right-of-way preparation for construction begins, the Permittees shall provide the Commission with a plan and profile of the right-of-way and the specifications and drawings for right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration for the transmission line.

The Permittees may not commence construction until the 20 days has expired or until the Commission has advised the Permittees in writing that it has completed its review of the documents and determined that the planned construction is consistent with this permit. If the Permittees intends to make any significant changes in its plan and profile or the specifications and drawings after submission to the Commission, the Permittees shall notify the Commission at least five days before implementing the changes. No changes shall be made that would be in violation of any of the terms of this permit.

B. Construction Practices.

1. Application. The Permittees shall follow those specific construction practices and material specifications described in the Minnesota Power and Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission Application to the Public Utilities Commission for a Route Permit, dated April 8, 2009, and as described in the environmental impact statement and findings of fact, unless this permit establishes a different requirement, in which case this permit shall prevail.

2. Field Representative. At least 10 days prior to commencing construction, the Permittees shall advise the Commission in writing of the person or persons designated to be the field representative for the Permittees with the responsibility to oversee compliance with the conditions of this permit during construction. The field representative's address, phone number, and emergency phone number shall be provided to the Commission and shall be made available to affected landowners, residents, public officials and other interested persons. The Permittees may change the field representative at any time upon written notice to the Commission.

3. Local Governments. The Permittees shall cooperate with county and city road authorities to develop appropriate signage and traffic management during construction.

4. Cleanup. All waste and scrap that is the product of construction shall be removed from the area and properly disposed of upon completion of each task. Personal litter, including bottles, cans, and paper from construction activities shall be removed on a daily basis.

5. Vegetation Removal in the Right-of-Way. The Permittees shall minimize the number of trees to be removed in selecting the right-of-way. As part of construction, low growing brush or tree species are allowable within and at the outer limits of the easement area. Taller tree species that endanger the safe and reliable operation of the transmission facility need to be removed. To the extent practical, low growing vegetation that will not pose a threat to the transmission facility or impede construction should remain in the easement area.

6. Erosion Control. The Permittees shall implement reasonable measures to minimize runoff during construction and shall promptly plant or seed, erect silt fences, and/or use erosion control blankets in non-agricultural areas that were disturbed where structures are installed. All areas disturbed during construction of the facilities will be returned to their pre-construction condition.

7. Temporary Work Space. The Permittees shall limit temporary easements to special construction access needs and additional staging or lay-down areas required outside of the authorized right-of-way.

8. Restoration. The Permittees shall restore the right-of-way, temporary work spaces, access roads, abandoned right-of-way, and other private lands affected by construction of the transmission line. Restoration within the right-of-way must be compatible with the safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the transmission line. Within 60 days after completion of all restoration activities, the Permittees shall advise the Commission in writing of the completion of such activities. The Permittees shall compensate landowners for any yard/landscape, crop damage, soil compaction, or other that may occur during construction.

9. Notice of Permit. The Permittees shall inform all employees, contractors, and other persons involved in the transmission line construction of the terms and conditions of this permit.

C. Periodic Status Reports. Upon request, the Permittees shall report to the Commission on progress regarding finalization of the route, design of structures, and construction of the transmission line. The Permittees need not report more frequently than quarterly.

D. Complaint Procedure. Prior to the start of construction, the Permittees shall submit to the Commission, the procedures that will be used to receive and respond to complaints. The procedures shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in the complaint procedures attached to this permit.

E. Notification to Landowners. The Permittees shall provide all affected landowners with a copy of this permit and the complaints procedures at the time of the first contact with the landowners after issuance of this permit.

The Permittees shall contact landowners prior to entering the property or conducting maintenance along the route and avoid maintenance practices, particularly the use of fertilizer, herbicides, or pesticides, inconsistent with the landowner's or tenant's use of the land.

The Permittees shall work with landowners to locate the high voltage transmission lines to minimize the loss of agricultural land, forest, and wetlands, and to avoid homes and farmsteads.

F. Completion of Construction.

1. Notification to Commission. At least three days before the line is to be placed into service, the Permittees shall notify the Commission of the date on which the line will be placed into service and the date on which construction was complete.

2. As-Builts. Upon request of the Commission, the Permittees shall submit copies of all the final as-built plans and specifications developed during the project.

3. GPS Data. Within 60 days after completion of construction, the Permittees shall submit to the Commission, in the format requested by the Commission, geo-spatial information (GIS compatible maps, GPS coordinates, etc.) for all above ground structures associated with the transmission lines, each switch, and each substation connected.

G. Electrical Performance Standards.

1. Grounding. The Permittees shall design, construct, and operate the transmission line in a manner that the maximum induced steady-state short-circuit current shall be limited to five milliamperes, root mean square (rms) alternating current between the ground and any non-stationary object within the right-of-way, including but not limited to large motor vehicles and agricultural equipment. All fixed metallic objects on or off the right-of-way, except electric fences that parallel or cross the right-of-way, shall be grounded to the extent necessary to limit the induced short circuit current between ground and the object so as not to exceed one milliamperes rms under steady state conditions of the transmission line and to comply with the ground fault conditions specified in the National Electric Safety Code.

2. Electric Field. The transmission line shall be designed, constructed, and operated in such a manner that the electric field measured one meter above

ground level immediately below the transmission line shall not exceed 8.0 kV/m rms.

3. Interference with Communication Devices. If interference with radio or television, satellite or other communication devices is caused by the presence or operation of the transmission line, the Permittees shall take whatever action is prudently feasible to restore or provide reception equivalent to reception levels in the immediate area just prior to the construction of the line.

H. Other Requirements.

1. Applicable Codes. The Permittees shall comply with applicable requirements of the National Electric Safety Code including clearances to ground, clearance to crossing utilities, clearance to buildings, right-of-way widths, erecting power poles, and stringing of transmission line conductors. The transmission line facility will also meet the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) reliability standards

2. Other Permits. The Permittees shall comply with all applicable state rules and statutes. The Permittees shall obtain all required local, state and federal permits for the project and comply with the conditions of these permits. A list of the required permits is included in the route permit application and the environmental impact statement. The Permittees shall submit a copy of such permits to the Commission upon request.

3. Pre-emption. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 216E.10, subdivisions 1 and 2, this route permit shall be the sole route approval required to be obtained by the Permittees and this permit shall supersede and preempt all zoning, building, or land use rules, regulations, or ordinances promulgated by regional, county, local and special purpose government.

J. Delay in Construction. If the Permittees have not commenced construction or improvement of the route within four years after the date of issuance of this permit, the Commission shall consider suspension of the permit in accordance with Minnesota Rule 7850.4700.

K. Special Conditions.

1. Botanical Survey. Known locations of state-listed threatened/endangered plants have been identified within the study area for Route 3. These species (specifically, *Botrychium oneidense* and *Platanthera flava* var. *herbiola*) may also occur within the proposed routes if suitable habitat exists. The applicants, in consultation with the MDNR (Ecological Services), will determine the need for botanical surveys (pre-construction) on the anticipated alignment within the Route 3. In the areas along the anticipated alignment in route 3, where these species are known to exist or where the alignment passes through habitats where these

species are likely to exist, field surveys maybe required. The applicants may be required to shift the alignment to avoid impacts to these species. In the event that impacts can not be avoided, the applicants would be required to obtain a takings permit from the MDNR for impacts to the species.

2. Mineral Resources. Several of the HVTL routes cross or encroach on the Biwabik Formation and have the potential to impact State Trust minerals for which the MDNR has fiduciary responsibility to manage. The applicants shall work with representatives of the MDNR (Division of Lands and Minerals) to determine the most appropriate alignment and/or language (License to Cross Public Lands) to minimize the impact on these resources.
3. Deer Wintering Grounds. Within Route 2, the 1.6 mile, north-south portion west of Riley Lake passes through an area identified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as an important deer wintering area (i.e., conifer stands). The applicants shall work with representatives of the MDNR (Ecological Services) to select an alignment and/or overhead construction design within this segment of Route 2 that minimizes the impact to this resource to the extent practicable.

V. PERMIT AMENDMENT

The permit conditions in Section IV may be amended at any time by the Commission. Any person may request an amendment of the conditions of this permit by submitting a request to the Commission in writing describing the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment. The Commission will mail notice of receipt of the request to the Permittees. The Commission may amend the conditions after affording the Permittees and interested persons such process as is required.

VI. TRANSFER OF PERMIT

The Permittees may request at any time that the Commission transfer this permit to another person or entity. The Permittees shall provide the name and description of the person or entity to whom the permit is requested to be transferred, the reasons for the transfer, a description of the facilities affected, and the proposed effective date of the transfer. The person to whom the permit is to be transferred shall provide the Commission with such information as the Commission shall require to determine whether the new Permittees can comply with the conditions of the permit. The Commission may authorize transfer of the permit after affording the Permittees, the new Permittees, and interested persons such process as is required.

VII. REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE PERMIT

The Commission may initiate action to revoke or suspend this permit at any time. The Commission shall act in accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Rules part 7850.5100 to revoke or suspend the permit.

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**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMPLIANCE FILING PROCEDURE
FOR PERMITTED ENERGY FACILITIES**

1. Purpose

To establish a uniform and timely method of submitting information required by the Commission energy facility permits.

2. Scope and Applicability

This procedure encompasses all compliance filings required by permit.

3. Definitions

Compliance Filing – A sending (filing) of information to the Commission, where the information is required by a Commission site or route permit.

4. Responsibilities

- A) The Permittees shall eFile all compliance filings with Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, through the Department of Commerce (DOC) eDocket system. The system is located on the DOC website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/home.jsp>

General instructions are provided on the website. Permittees must register on the website to eFile documents.

- B) All filings must have a cover sheet that includes:
- 1) Date
 - 2) Name of submitter / Permittees
 - 3) Type of Permit (Site or Route)
 - 4) Project Location
 - 5) Project Docket Number
 - 6) Permit Section Under Which the Filing is Made
 - 7) Short Description of the Filing

Filings that are graphic intensive (e.g., maps, plan and profile) must, in addition to being eFiled, be submitted as paper copies and on CD. Copies and CDs should be sent to: 1) Dr. Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2147, and 2) Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2198.

PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILINGS¹

PERMITTEES: Minnesota Power & Nashwauk Public Utilities
Commission
PERMIT TYPE: HVTL Route Permit
PROJECT LOCATION: Itasca counties
PUC DOCKET NUMBER: E280/TL-09-512

Filing Number	Permit Section	Description	Due Date
1	Section IV.B.2	Contact information for field representative	10 days prior to construction
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3	Section IV.A.	Plan and profile of right-of-way	20 days before ROW preparation or construction
4	Section IV.F	Notice of completion and date of placement in service	Three days prior to energizing
5	Section IV.F.3	Provide As-built and GPS information	Within 60 days of construction
6	Section IV.K.1	Provide documentation of consultation with MDNR, plant survey data if required, and any modification to the anticipated alignment as a result of this consultation.	Prior to submittal of the Plan and profile of right-of-way (Item 3)
7	Section IV.K.2	Provide documentation of consultation with MDNR and any modification to the anticipated alignment as a result of this consultation.	Prior to submittal of the Plan and profile of right-of-way (Item 3)
8	Section IV.K.3	Provide documentation of consultation with MDNR and any modification to the anticipated alignment and or construction design as a result of this consultation.	Prior to submittal of the Plan and profile of right-of-way (Item 3)

¹ This compilation of permit compliance filings is provided for the convenience of the permittees and the PUC. However, it is not a substitute for the permit; the language of the permit controls.

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURES FOR
HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES**

A. Purpose:

To establish a uniform and timely method of reporting complaints received by the Permittees concerning Permit conditions for site preparation, construction, cleanup and restoration, operation and resolution of such complaints.

B. Scope:

This document describes Complaint reporting procedures and frequency.

C. Applicability:

The procedures shall be used for all complaints received by the Permittees and all complaints received by the Commission under Minn. Rule 7829.1500 or 7829.1700 relevant to this Permit.

D. Definitions:

Complaint: A verbal or written statement presented to the Permittees by a person expressing dissatisfaction or concern regarding site preparation, cleanup or restoration or other HVTL and associated facilities route permit conditions. Complaints do not include requests, inquiries, questions or general comments.

Substantial Complaint: A written Complaint alleging a violation of a specific Route Permit condition that, if substantiated, could result in Permit modification or suspension pursuant to the applicable regulations.

Unresolved Complaint: A Complaint which, despite the good faith efforts of the Permittees and a person(s), remains to both or one of the parties unresolved or unsatisfactorily resolved.

Person: An individual, partnership, joint venture, private or public corporation, association, firm, public service company, cooperative, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government agency, public utility district, or any other entity, public or private, however organized.

E. Complaint Documentation and Processing:

1. The Permittees shall document all Complaints by maintaining a record of all applicable information concerning the Complaint, including the following:

- a. Name of complainant, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
 - b. Precise property description or parcel number.
 - c. Name of Permittees representative receiving Complaint and date of receipt.
 - d. Nature of Complaint and the applicable Route Permit conditions(s).
 - e. Activities undertaken to resolve the Complaint.
 - f. Final disposition of the Complaint.
2. The Permittees shall designate an individual to summarize Complaints for substantial to the Commission. This person's name, phone number and e-mail address shall accompany all complaint submittals.
3. A Person presenting the Complaint should to the extent possible, include the following information in their communications:
- a. Name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
 - b. Date
 - c. Tract or parcel
 - d. Whether the complaint relates to (1) a Route Permit matter, (2) a HVTL and associated facility issue, or (3) a compliance issue.

F. Reporting Requirements:

The Permittees shall report all complaints to the Commission according to the following schedule:

Immediate Reports: All substantial complaints shall be reported to the Commission the same day received, or on the following working day for complaints received after working hours. Such reports are to be directed to HVTL Permit Compliance, 1-800-657-3794, or by e-mail to: DOC.energypermitcompliance@state.mn.us, or. Voice messages are acceptable.

Monthly Reports: By the 15th of each month, a summary of all complaints, including substantial complaints received or resolved during the preceding month, shall be Filed to Dr. Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, using the Minnesota Department of Commerce eDocket system (see eFiling instructions attached to this permit).

If no Complaints were received during the preceding month, the Permittees shall submit (eFile) a summary indicating that no complaints were received.

G. Complaints Received by the Commission or OES:

Complaints received directly by the Commission from aggrieved persons regarding site preparation, construction, cleanup, restoration, operation and maintenance shall be promptly sent to the Permittees.

H. Commission Process for Unresolved Complaints:

Initial Screening: Commission staff shall perform an initial evaluation of unresolved Complaints submitted to the Commission. Complaints raising substantial HVTL Route Permit issues shall be processed and resolved by the Commission. Staff shall notify Permittees and appropriate person(s) if it determines that the Complaint is a Substantial Complaint. With respect to such Complaints, each party shall submit a written summary of its position to the Commission no later than ten days after receipt of the Staff notification. Staff shall present Briefing Papers to the Commission, which shall resolve the Complaint within twenty days of submission of the Briefing Papers.

I. Permittees Contacts for Complaints:

Mailing Address: Complaints filed by mail shall be sent to:

ATTN: Mr. Bryan Adams
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
301 Central Avenue
Nashwauk, MN 55769

Tel: (218) 885-1210

Email: badams.nashwauk@mcsi.com

Mailing Address: Complaints filed by mail shall be sent to:

ATTN: Mr. Jim Atkinson
Supervisor, Environmental Siting and Permitting
Minnesota Power/ALLETTE, Inc.
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Tel: (218) 355-3561

Email: jbatkinson@allette.com