



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 10, 2013

Tom Hillstrom
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall
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RE: Review of Plan and Profile Compliance Filing
Alexandria to Minnesota-North Dakota Border, Segment 4, Structures 315 to 319
Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Docket No. E002, ET-2/TL-09-1056

Dear Mr. Hillstrom:

The Commission is in receipt of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's (Permittees) compliance documents that were filed on August 19, 2013, as part of its Minor Alteration Application for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project.¹ The compliance filing is a plan and profile for structures 315 to 319 within Segment 4 of the project in Wilkin County.

Compliance documents submitted by the Permittees include: a filing letter with tables detailing the minor alteration and comparing potential impacts with the permitted route; an aerial map showing the engineered alignment of the minor alteration in relation to the permitted route and anticipated alignment (Attachment A); and plan and profile engineered drawings (Attachment B).

Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff filed comments on its review of the Permittee's compliance filing on October 3, 2013. In its comments, EERA staff indicated that it had reviewed the filing with respect to the route permit and in conjunction with the construction environmental control plan. EERA staff concluded that the plan and profile for the minor alteration is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

¹ On September 30, 2013, the Commission issued an Order approving the minor alteration with no conditions, thereby incorporating the alterations into the route permit that was issued on June 24, 2011.

Based on the review of submissions filed in this matter, Commission staff has advised me, and I agree, that the plan and profile filed on August 19, 2013, as part of the Minor Alteration Application relating to Structures 315 to 319 is in general agreement with the terms and conditions of the route permit issued by the Commission in this docket, pending submittal of the updated construction environmental control plan documents identified by EERA staff.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Scott Ek of the Commission staff at 651-201-2255 or scott.ek@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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