



## STATE OF MINNESOTA Energy Facility Permitting



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### NOTICE OF MINOR ALTERATION APPLICATION AND COMMENT PERIOD

*In the Matter of the Xcel Energy and Great River Energy Application for a High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Project (PUC Docket Number: E002, ET2/TL-09-1056)*

On December 21, 2011, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, and Great River Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation (Permittees), requested that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approve a minor alteration for the Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Project) pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7850.4800. This request supplements Permittees' prior route adjustment application made to the Commission on September 20, 2011. In that application, two adjustments identified as adjustment 4.0 and Adjustment 4.1 were proposed. The proposed Adjustment 4.2 resulted from further negotiations with landowners along the route alternatives. Adjustment 4.2 generally parallels Adjustment 4.1 to the east.

Interested persons may submit comments on the alteration request. **A comment period will be open through February 3, 2012.** Comments need to be emailed, faxed or mailed to David Birkholz (see address below) by 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Please refer to docket number "09-1056" in all communications. Following the comment period, the request will go before the Commission for a decision.

The alignment adjustment requested by the Permittees is discussed in their Minor Alteration application, which includes a map of the area in question, discussion of the reasons for the request and tables comparing relative impacts of the permitted route as opposed to the requested adjustments. The application can be viewed at the Commission website:

<http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=25053>

or by entering "Year" as "09" and "Number" as "1056" at eDockets:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

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