



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security



**NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION**

**In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Pleasant Valley to Byron 161 kilovolt Transmission Line Project in Dodge, Olmsted and Mower Counties, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Number E002/TL-09-1315**

At a meeting on February 24, 2011, and in an Order issued March 3, 2011, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the environmental impact statement (EIS) adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision, and issued a high-voltage transmission line route permit, with appropriate conditions, for the Pleasant Valley to Byron project. The permit authorizes Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) to construct approximately 16 miles of 161 kilovolt transmission line in Dodge, Olmsted and Mower counties, parallel to an existing 345 kilovolt transmission line, identified as Route Alternative 3 in the EIS and public hearing record. The project will connect an existing substation in the city of Byron, Minn., to an existing substation in Pleasant Valley Township, Minn. The permit also authorizes improvements within the existing footprint of the substation in Pleasant Valley Township.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security state permit manager: Matthew Langan, 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone: (651) 296-2096, e-mail: [matthew.langan@state.mn.us](mailto:matthew.langan@state.mn.us).

Documents relative to this project may be viewed on the Commission's website:  
<http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25695>