



October 7, 2011

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Xcel Energy's Glencoe-Waconia HVTL Project
Docket No. E002/TL-10-249

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the comments and recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff in the above stated matter.

Xcel Energy proposes to construct approximately 0.9 mile of new 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line, 1.9 miles of new 69 kV transmission line that is capable of operating as 115/69 kV double circuit line and upgrade approximately 20.2 miles of 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV (double circuit 115/69 kV capacity) near the cities of Glencoe, Plato, Norwood Young America and Waconia located southwest of the Twin Cities metro area. The project is approximately 23 miles in total.

The Department is providing you with:

- A. Comments and Recommendations;
- B. Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
- C. Proposed HVTL Route Permit

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

William Cole Storm, DOC EFP Staff

Enclosures