

APPENDIX A

MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

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APPLICANT'S NOTICE TO MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
INTENT TO USE ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS



414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1993

March 12, 2010

Dr. Butl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Notification of Intent to File Application Pursuant to Alternative Permitting Process for a proposed 115 kV transmission line upgrade to the Glencoe to Waconia 69 kV transmission system (Docket No. E002/TL-10-XXX)

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7850.2800, Subpart 2, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of its intent to submit an application for a route permit for the Southwest Twin Cities Glencoe to Waconia project (Project) following the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3700.

The proposed Project measures approximately 24.5 miles in length and primarily follows an existing transmission corridor, initiating from the proposed East Glencoe Substation and ending at a transmission structure located approximately 1.25 miles west of the Augusta Substation.

Xcel Energy plans to file the application in late April 2010. We will work with PUC and Office of Energy Security (OES) Staff to address any comments they have in order to expedite application acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (612) 330-1955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy G. Rogers', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Timothy G. Rogers
Supervisor Siting and Permitting

cc: Jim Alders, Xcel
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