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**NOTICE OF SCOPING DECISION AND INTENT TO PREPARE AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

**In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the 115 kV Hiawatha  
Transmission Line Project**

**PUC Docket Numbers: E002/CN-10-694**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce announces the release of the scoping decision and notice of intent to prepare an environmental report (ER) for the proposed Hiawatha transmission line project.

Electronic versions of the ER scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=30489>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "10" and Number "694").

The scoping decision identifies the issues and alternatives that the Director of OES has determined are appropriate for inclusion in the ER. The scoping decision also identifies certain issues that will not be included in the ER. The ER is anticipated to be complete and available in June 2011.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security project manager: Bill Storm, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.9535; e-mail: [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us).