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NOTICE OF SCOPING DECISION AND INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need for the 115 kV Savanna Rebuild Project

PUC Docket Numbers: ET-2, E015/TL-10-1307 and ET-2, E015/CN-10-973

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting announces the release of the scoping decision and notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Savanna transmission line rebuild project.

Electronic versions of the EA 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=31883> 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 "1307").

The scoping decision identifies the issues and alternatives that the Deputy Commissioner has determined are appropriate for inclusion in the EA. The scoping decision also identifies certain issues that will not be included in the EA. The EA is anticipated to be complete and available in August 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 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.9535; e-mail: bill.storm@state.mn.us.