



STATE OF MINNESOTA Energy Facility Permitting



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NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the St. Cloud Loop 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

Docket No. E002/TL-10-1026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting on November 29, 2011, and in an order issued December 8, 2011, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the environmental assessment and record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the environmental assessment scoping decision; approved the Proposed Route for the construction of the St. Cloud Loop 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project; and issued a high voltage transmission line route permit, with appropriate conditions, to Northern States Power, a Minnesota Corporation (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

The route permit authorizes Xcel Energy to construct a new, approximately 4.7-mile long 115 kV overhead transmission line between the Mayhew Lake substation and the Granite City substation including a connection between Line 5509 and Transmission Structure 39 in the city of Sauk Rapids and the townships of Minden and Sauk Rapids in Benton County, Minnesota.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the state permit manager: Scott Ek, Department of Commerce, 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone: (651) 296-8813, e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us.

Documents relative to this project may be viewed on the Public Utilities Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=31941>.