

# APPENDIX A

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

APPENDIX A.1  
APPLICANT'S NOTICE TO MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF  
INTENT TO USE ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS



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September 22, 2011

Dr. Burl 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 Bluff Creek to Westgate 69 kV transmission system (Docket No. E002/TL-XX-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 Bluff Creek to Westgate project (Project) following the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The proposed Project, measuring approximately 23.3 miles in length, includes an upgrade of existing lines from 69 kV to 115 kV, and will occupy existing transmission line corridors, initiating from the Westgate Substation and ending at a transmission structure located approximately 0.5 mile north of the Bluff Creek Substation.

Xcel Energy plans to file the application in November 2011. 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 blue ink that reads "Timothy G. Rogers".

Timothy G. Rogers  
Supervisor Siting and Permitting

cc: Chris Ayika, Xcel  
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