



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Commerce



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NOTICE OF SCOPING DECISION

In the Matter of the Certificate of Need Application for the Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County

PUC Docket No. E002, ET-2/TL-12-113

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the scoping decision for the environmental report (ER) to be prepared for Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's proposed Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the cities of Medina and Plymouth, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The scoping decision outlines the issues and alternatives that will be examined in the ER.

The ER will be prepared by the Department's Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives as identified in the scoping decision document. The ER is scheduled to be completed in early February 2012. Public hearings will be held in the project area after completion of the ER.

Electronic versions of the ER scoping decision, certificate of need application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Department's EFP website at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32919>, and on the eDockets website at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "12" and Number "113").

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact state permit manager, Suzanne Steinhauer (651-296-2888, suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us), Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101.

If you would like additional information about the how to participate in the certificate of need process or about Minnesota Public Utilities Commission practice and procedure, contact Commission staff member Michael Kaluzniak (651-201-2257, fax at 651-297-7073, e-mail mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us). His mailing address is, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

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