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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit for the MP Deer River HVTL Project

PUC Docket Numbers: E015/TL-13-68

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) announces the release of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed MP Deer River HVTL project.

Electronic versions of the EA, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=33631>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "13" and Number "68").

The Environmental Assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the transmission line project (and selected alternative routes) and methods to mitigate such impacts. Applications for high voltage transmission line route permits under the alternative permitting process require a public hearing upon completion of the EA pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.3800. A portion of the hearing must be held in a county where the proposed project would be located.

A copy of the EA will be placed in the Grand Rapids Library:

- Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids MN 55744

The public hearing will be noticed separately and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 6.

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