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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Dr. Burl W Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Notification of Intent to File Route Permit Application Under the Alternative Permitting Process for the Proposed Minnesota Power Canisteo Project- Itasca County, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minn. Rule 7850.2800, subp. 2, Minnesota Power hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC") of its intent to submit an Application for a Route Permit for the Canisteo Project ("Project") pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures in Minn. Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900 and the statutory timeframe set forth in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 7.

The proposed Project included constructing two new, approximately 5-mile-long, 115 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line switched from Minnesota Power's existing 28 Line transmission line to a proposed Minnesota Power Substation. The Project is needed to accommodate anticipated load growth for a proposed mine and is a time sensitive project that will contribute to the economic viability of the area.

Minnesota Power plans to file the application by October 4, 2013, and will work with the MPUC and Department of Commerce staff to address any questions and/or comments in order to expedite the application's acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Dan McCourtney at (218) 355-3515 or by email at dmccourtney@allete.com.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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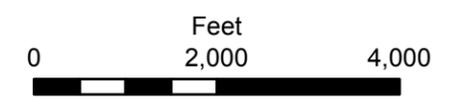
Attachment: Aerial based map of Project area.
cc: Dan McCourtney, Minnesota Power

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-  Proposed Route Corridor
-  PLS Section
-  PLS Quarter Quarter Section

A 160-ft wide ROW would be needed within the 1,000-ft wide study corridor.



City of Taconite



Proposed 115 kV
HVTL and Substation
Minnesota Power
Itasca County, MN

Imagery: NAIP; 2010