

Appendix A

Official Correspondence



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August 30, 2013

Itasca County Environmental Services
Don Dewey
Environmental Services Administrator
123 NE 4th St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

RE: Minnesota Power's Proposed High Voltage Transmission Line and Substation

Dear Mr. Dewey,

Minnesota Power is proposing the construction of two approximately 5 mile long 115 kV high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and substation (Project) within Itasca County, Minnesota. Minnesota Power will be seeking a route permit for the Project through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission utilizing the alternative route permitting process under Minn. Stat. § 216E.04. This letter serves as notice of the proposed Project to each local unit of government that is within the proposed HVTL route.

The proposed Project is located within the local jurisdiction of Itasca County and the City of Coleraine. The proposed 115 kV HVTLs originate at an existing Minnesota Power transmission line located in the Section 8-T56N-R24W and terminates at a proposed substation located in the Section 25-T56N-R25W located east of Arbo Rd. See attached route map.

If interested, I would be happy to meet and further discuss the proposed project with you. I can be reached at (218) 355-3515 or electronically at dmccourtney@allete.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Daniel McCourtney
Minnesota Power
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Coleraine City Hall
Sandy Bluntach
City Clerk
302 Roosevelt Ave • PO Box 670
Coleraine, MN 55722

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TEAM 40S HUNTING CLUB & TREE FARM
1112 NW 3RD AVE
GRAND RAPIDS MN 55744

Dear Sir:

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Gerald G & Diane Gross
PO Box 194
Bovey, MN 55709

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Blandin Paper
Cheryl Adams
115 Southwest 1st St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Ms. Adams:

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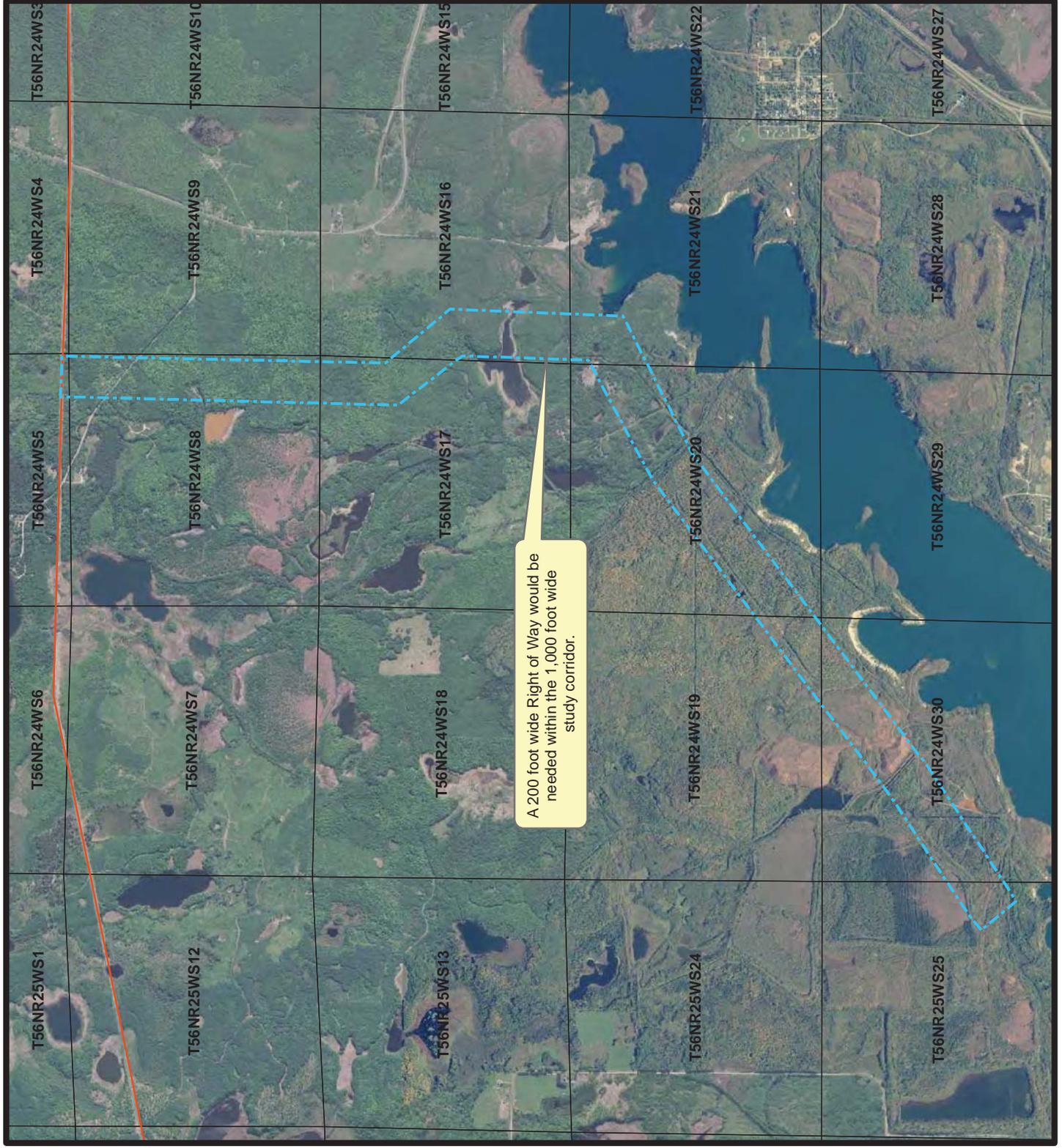
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Minnesota Power Transmission Line Study Corridor



Legend

- Transmission Line Study Corridor
- Minnesota Power Existing 28 Line
- Township-Range-Section





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September 6, 2013

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.

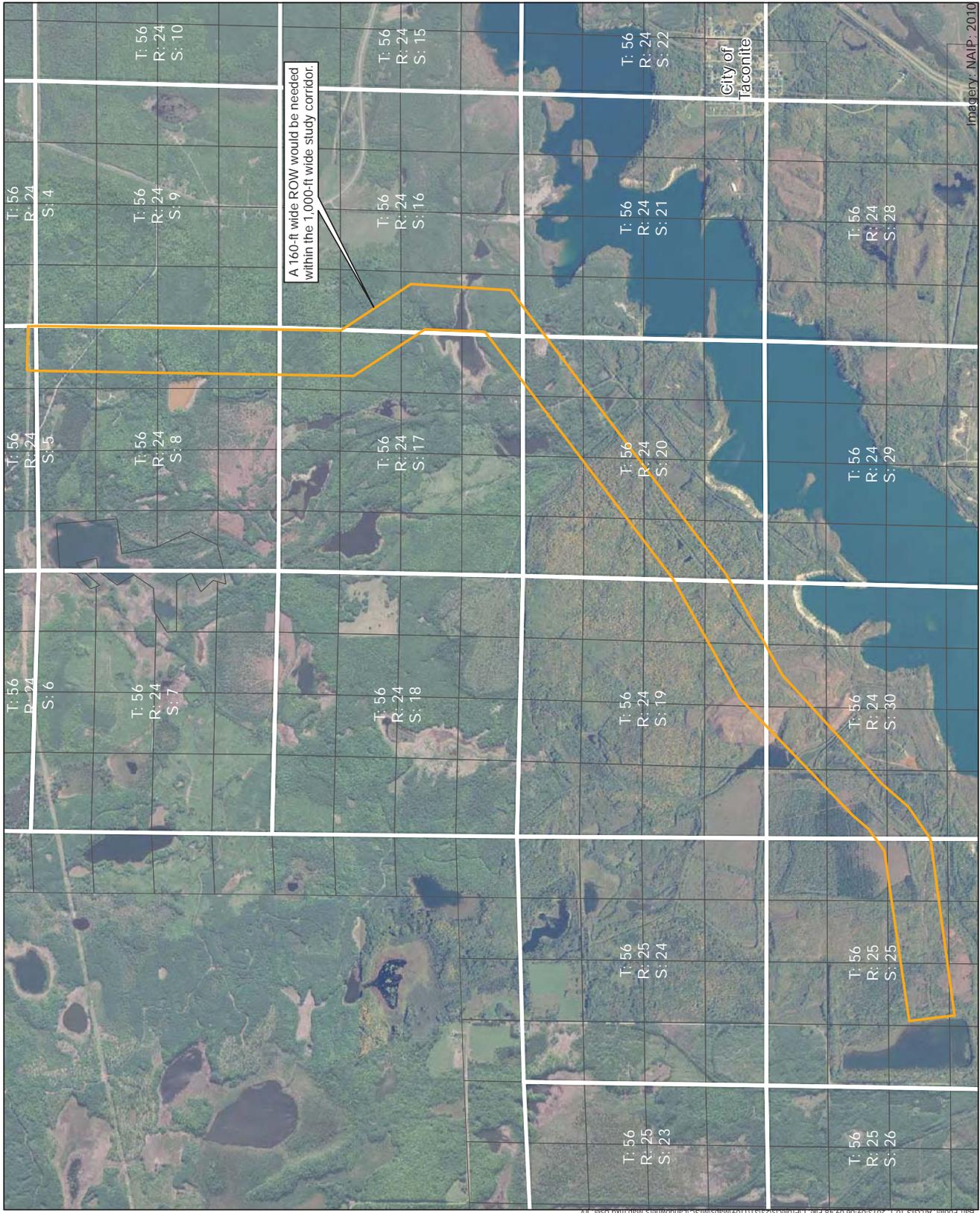
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Dan McCartney at (218) 355-3515 or by email at dmccourtney@allete.com.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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



-  Proposed Route Corridor
-  PLS Section
-  PLS Quarter Section



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

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Canisteo Project Open House, Bovey Town Hall, 09/26/13

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