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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the MP Great Northern Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Numbers: E015/CN-12-1163

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) announces the release of the environmental report (ER) for the proposed MP Great Northern Transmission Line project.

Electronic versions of the ER, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33608>,

and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website (enter the Docket Number Year "12" and Number "1163") :

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>.

The environmental review process under the *certificate of need* procedures includes public information/scoping meetings and the preparation of an environmental review document, the Environmental Report (ER). The environmental report is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project associated with the size, type, and timing of the project, system configurations, and voltage. The environmental report must also contain information on alternatives to the proposed project and shall address mitigating measures for anticipated adverse impacts (Minn. R. 7849.1500).

The ER must be prepared before the public hearing and before the Commission can make a decision on the certificate of need application.

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