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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 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Application for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit
for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project
Docket No. E-015/GP-13-978

Dear Dr. Haar:

Minnesota Power's hereby electronically submits its Application for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit for the Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The Laskin Energy Center Natural Gas Pipeline Project will include the installation of approximately 5,900 feet of 10.75-inch-outside-diameter steel pipe from the Northern Natural Gas pipeline to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota. The pipeline Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure will be 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) but will operate at a pressure less than that established by Northern Natural Gas, the company metering the natural gas.

The Application is being made under the Partial Exemption Permitting processes of Minn. Rules 7852.0600 to 7852.0700. An electronic copy of the Application has been provided to Larry Hartman of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. An Affidavit of Service is also included.

Please contact me at the number above if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

cc: Larry Hartman – Minnesota Department of Commerce
Jim Atkinson – Minnesota Power
General Service List

