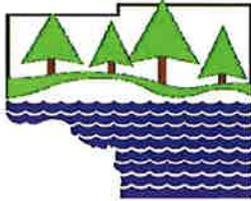


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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Itasca County Courthouse
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May 13, 2014
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RESOLUTION 2014-26

RE: GREAT NORTHERN TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING REQUEST

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power is proposing to build the Great Northern Transmission Line to bring clean, emission-free energy to Minnesota, meet growing energy demands and increase system reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Great Northern Transmission Line, which will deliver hydropower generated by Manitoba Hydro to customers in the United States, will consist of a 500kV transmission line from the Minnesota/Manitoba border to the Blackberry 500kV Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, as well as associated substation facilities and transmission system modifications at the Blackberry 500kV Substation site; and

WHEREAS, while determining the Routing Process for the Great Northern Transmission Line, Minnesota Power incorporated state and federal environmental review requirements and public and agency input to develop a set of factors that helped determine which areas provided opportunities or challenges for potential transmission line routes; and

WHEREAS, with information collected on the Route Alternatives, Minnesota Power selected Proposed Route Alternatives that were submitted in a Route Permit Application and Presidential Permit Application in April 2014; and

WHEREAS, there are two Proposed Route Alternatives, Orange and Blue, each of which are approximately 220 miles in length.

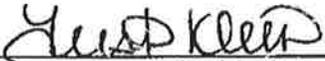
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Itasca County Board of Commissioners hereby prefers the Blue route between Thirty and Bray Lakes over the Orange route between Lawrence and Crooked Lakes.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Mandich, District #5
SECONDER: Terry Snyder, District #2
AYES: Tinquist, Snyder, Trunt, Eichorn, Mandich

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Administrator
ss. County of Itasca

I, TRISH KLEIN, Administrator of County of Itasca, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 13th day of May A.D. 2014 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 13th day of May A.D. 2014



Administrator

By _____ Deputy