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## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING DECISION

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for a Route Permit for the Clearbrook-Clearbrook West 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation Project in Clearwater County**

**PUC Docket No. ET6/TL-14-665**

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the Scoping Decision for the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be prepared for the proposed Clearbrook-Clearbrook West 115 kV Transmission Line Project

The EA will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Scoping Decision identifies the route alternatives that will be examined in the EA. The document also identifies alternatives that will not be addressed.

The Scoping Decision and other relevant documents are available on the Department's website at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33970> and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "14" and the number "665").

The EA is scheduled to be completed in September 2016. A public hearing will be held in the project area after completion of the EA.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Environmental Review Manager David Birkholz (651-539-1838, [david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us)) or Public Advisor Bret Eknes (651-201-2236).

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