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## Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision

### **In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the 215 MW Black Dog 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota**

*eDockets No. E002/GS-15-834*

**Please take notice** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) issued the Scoping Decision for the environmental assessment (EA) to be prepared for the proposed Black Dog Unit 6 project in Burnsville, Minnesota.

The EA will be prepared by Commerce 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 issues and sites that will be examined in the EA, as well as those issues and alternative sites that will not be addressed.

The Scoping Decision and other relevant documents are available on the EERA website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34314>, and on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "834").

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

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Environmental Review Manager William Storm (651-539-1840 or [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us)), Environmental Review Specialist Andrew Levi (651-539-1840 or [andrew.levi@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.levi@state.mn.us)), or Public Advisor Tracy Smetana (651-296-0406 or [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us)).

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Figure 1 Project Location Map

