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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Notification of Intent to File Route Permit Application Under the Alternative Permitting Process for the proposed MPL-Laporte 115 kV HVTL Project Clearwater and Hubbard Counties, MN Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In accordance with Minn. Rules 7850.2800, subp. 2, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Minnkota") hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) of its intent to submit an application for a route permit for the MPL-Laporte 115 kV HVTL Project (Project) pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures in Minn. Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The proposed project includes construction of a new 9.4-mile long, 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and a new 115/4.16 kV substation. The proposed project will start in Itasca Township in Clearwater County, by tapping an existing 115 kV line via construction of a 3-way line switch, and will end in Lake Alice Township in Hubbard County at a new 115/4.16 kV substation (Figure 1). The proposed Project is needed to service a single industrial customer in this area.

Minnkota Power plans to file the application in April 2016 and will work with the MPUC and Department of Commerce staff to address any questions and/or comments in order to expedite the application's acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached by email at jgraves@minnkota.com or by phone at (701) 795-4221.

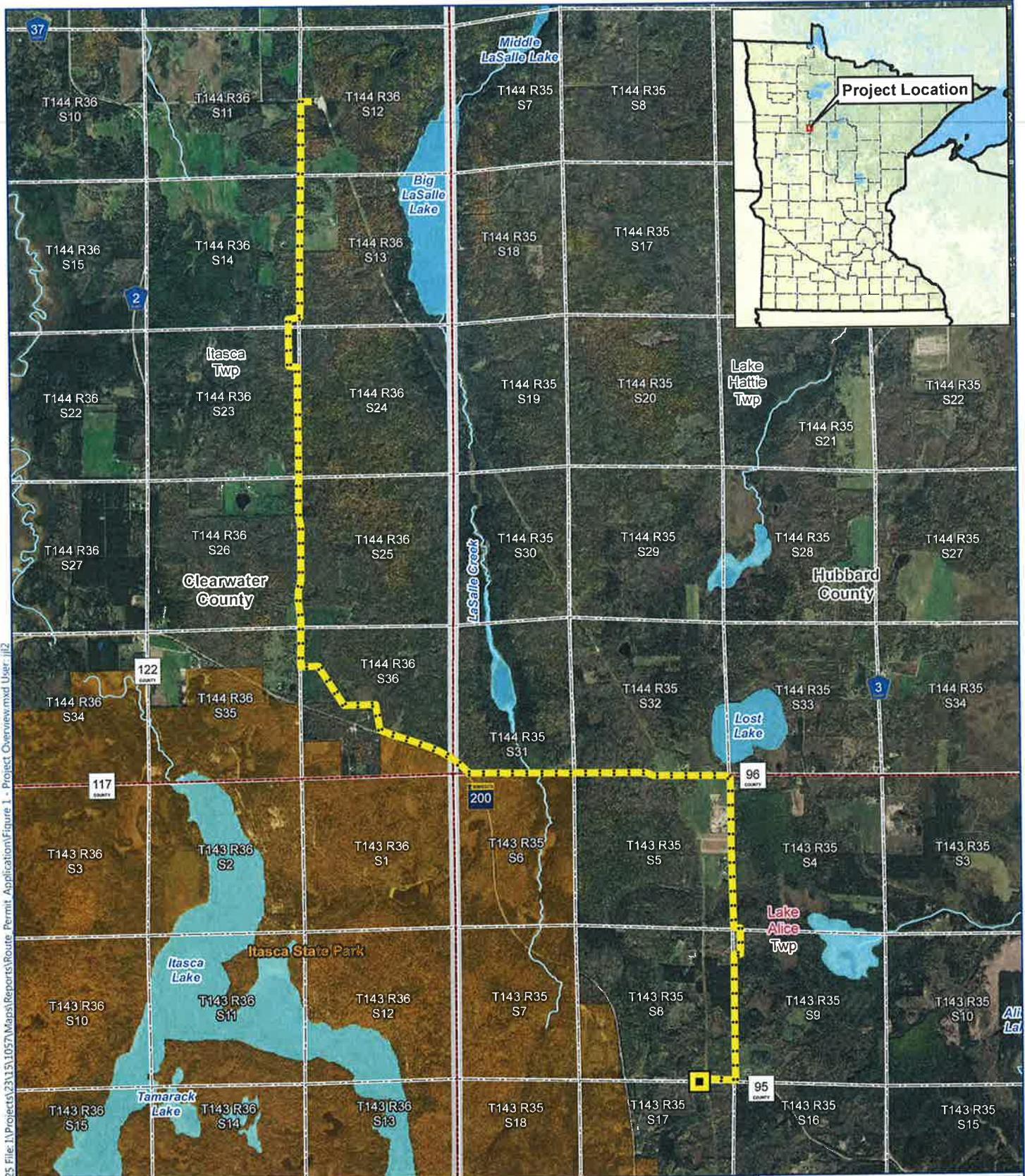
Sincerely,

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

John T. Graves, P.E.
Environmental Manager

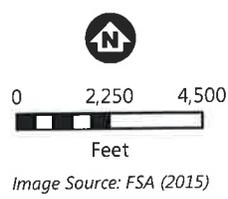
Enclosure: Figure 1

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-  New Substation
-  Proposed Route
-  PWI Watercourse
-  PWI Basin
-  Township Boundary
-  PLS Section
-  County Boundary
-  State Park



PROJECT OVERVIEW
MPL - Laporte Project
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Clearwater and Hubbard Counties

FIGURE 1