

APPENDIX A

MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

APPENDIX A.1
APPLICANT'S NOTICE TO MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
INTENT TO SEEK LOCAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Tamarac Line, LLC

March 1, 2012

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Tamarac Line, LLC. 115kV Transmission Project

Dear Dr. Haar:

In compliance with the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 216E.05, Subd. 3, this document is presented to provide official notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission the Tamarac Line, LLC. has chosen to seek local approval for the construction of a new 115kV transmission line in Clay and Otter Tail counties, Minnesota.

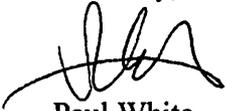
The project includes the construction of approximately 8.5 miles of 115kV transmission line. The transmission line is located within the corporate boundaries of both Clay and Otter Tail Counties. The construction of the new transmission facilities are proposed to serve as the connection between the previously permitted LWECS owned by Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC and Great River Energy's existing Tamarac substation. Attached are illustrations depicting the proposed transmission line route.

The Clay County Board of Commissioners has been informed of the project and has agreed to accept the role as lead reviewing Local Government Unit (LGU). On February 7th, 2012, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners agreed to allow the Clay County Board of Commissioners to serve as the LGU for the Environmental Assessment review. A letter documenting this agreement has been issued to both the Clay County Commission and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Tamarac Line, LLC. will, therefore, apply for a permit for the proposed project through Clay County within their defined Conditional Use Permit process, and through Otter Tail County within that county's Right-Of-Way permit process.

Any questions regarding the Clay County Conditional Use Permit process should be directed to Mr. Tim Magnusson, Planning Director, Clay County, at 218-299-5002. Questions regarding the Otter Tail County ROW permit should be directed to Mr. Chuck Grotte, Assistant Engineer, Otter Tail County, at 218-998-8470. Any Inquiries regarding the project should be directed to me at 612-284-1740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul White
Chief Manager
Tamarac Line, LLC

enclosures

cc Tim Magnusson, Planning Director, Clay County
Chuck Grotte, Assistant Engineer, Otter Tail County

APPENDIX A.2

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY NOTICE OF AGREEMENT
THAT CLAY COUNTY ACT AS LGU**

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Government Services Center * 515 Fir Avenue West * Fergus Falls, MN 56537 * 218-998-8060 * Fax 218-998-8075 * www.co.otter-tail.mn.us

February 7, 2012

Chairman Grant Weyland
Clay County Board of Commissioners
807 N 11th Street
PO Box 280
Moorhead, MN 56561-0280

RE: Lakes Wind 115kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Chairman Weyland:

Project Resources Corporation has filed its application with Clay County for local environmental review of an HV transmission line route permit, pursuant to M.S. 216E.05. Otter Tail County agrees that Clay County can proceed as the Local Government Unit (LGU) for the environmental assessment (EA) review, and Otter Tail County conveys this agreement by letter to Clay County and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Sincerely,

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Leland R. Rogness
Board Chairman

cc: Brian Berg, Clay County Administrator
Ray Kirsch, MN Department of Commerce
Eric Hansen, P.E., Westwood Professional Services
Robert W. Bigwood, Atty
Dennis Carlblom, Scambler Twp. Chairman

CB/kd

Douglas A. Huebsch
First District

Wayne D. Johnson
Second District

John D. Lindquist
Third District

Roger Froemming
Fourth District

Leland R. Rogness
Fifth District

APPENDIX A.3

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENERGY
FACILITIES PERMITTING LETTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT**



March 22, 2012

Paul White
Tamarac Line, LLC
618 2nd Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Tim Magnusson
Clay County Planning and Zoning
Clay County Courthouse – 3rd Floor
807 11th St. North
Moorhead, MN 56560

**Re: Local Review of Tamarac 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Commission Docket Number: ET6887/LR-12-206**

Dear Mr. White and Mr. Magnusson,

Greetings. This letter confirms that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has received notification that Tamarac Line, LLC (Tamarac) intends to seek local review to construct a new 8.5 mile long, 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The line would facilitate interconnection of the Lakeswind wind power plant. The project would be located in Clay County and Otter Tail County.

Under the Power Plant Siting Act, a permit from the Commission is required for transmission line projects over 100 kV (Minn. Stat. § 216E). However, local review and permitting is possible for eligible projects (Minn. Stat. § 216E.05). For such projects, a utility may apply to a local unit of government instead of the Commission for a permit to build the project. This letter confirms that Tamarac’s proposed project is eligible for local review.

Review and Authorization of the Project

Based on the proposed location of the project, Clay County and Otter Tail County are the local units of government (LGUs) with jurisdiction to permit the project. Though LGUs may collaborate on the environmental review for the project, each LGU with jurisdiction over the project must have “ordinances or other provisions for reviewing and authorizing” the project (Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 6). Tamarac indicates that Clay County has such ordinances, and that Tamarac submitted a conditional use permit application to the county on February 29, 2012. Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff notes that Clay County has previously reviewed projects through the local review option.

It is unclear whether Otter Tail County has ordinances or provisions for reviewing and authorizing the project. Through independent discussion with county staff, EFP staff has learned that Otter Tail

County does not have permitting authority outside of shoreland districts. The county does have a highway use permit, which must be obtained from the county by a transmission line developer if the proposed transmission line will share right-of-way (ROW) with an Otter Tail County road. A large portion of the Tamarac 115 kV line is proposed to follow County Road 2 and County Road 23 in Otter Tail County. If the route for the transmission line follows these roads, then Otter Tail County may have a provision for authorizing the proposed Tamarac project along this portion. There are, however, caveats to this authority.

First, there is a section of the proposed route for the Tamarac 115 kV line that is not along an Otter Tail County road. This is the section (approximately 0.75 miles in length) along Minnesota State Highway 34. For this small section, Otter Tail County has no provision for authorizing the project. Second, if an alternative route were proposed during scoping of the environmental assessment for the project – a route which does not follow an Otter Tail County road – and if this route were considered superior such that it became the preferred route, then the county would not have a provision for authorizing this portion of the project.

Finally, the right-of-way (ROW) required for the Tamarac 115 kV line is unclear. The transmission line is required by the National Electric Safety Code to have a specific ROW width. It is unclear what this width is and how the transmission line ROW will be accommodated in the Otter Tail County road ROW. It is unclear whether the transmission line ROW will fit completely within the road ROW, or, as is more likely the case, a portion of the transmission line ROW will fit within the road ROW with a separate ROW (easement) being required from private landowners along the route.

In sum, it is unclear whether Otter Tail County's highway use permit for that portion of the project proposed to share county road ROW constitutes "other provisions for reviewing and authorizing" the project under Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 6. The Commission is currently reviewing another project in Otter Tail County, Great River Energy's upgrade of a 2.1 mile transmission line along County Road 6, that EFP staff understood the county had determined it could not review through the local review option because it lacked an ordinance.¹ Nonetheless, consistent with Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 6, EFP staff leaves interpretation of county ordinances and authorities to the county.

Clay County or Otter Tail County may relinquish its permitting jurisdiction by requesting that the Commission assume jurisdiction within 60 days of the filing of an application with a local unit of government (Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 4).

Environmental Assessment

An environmental review process, including the development of an environmental assessment (EA), must be conducted by a local unit of government with jurisdiction over the project (Minn. Rules 7850.5300). Tamarac indicates that Clay County will be responsible for the environmental review process for the proposed Tamarac 115 kV project. Otter Tail County has independently indicated its agreement that Clay County will lead the environmental review process.

Specific requirements with regard to the environmental review process include (Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 5; see enclosed local review guide):

¹ There may be differences between the Great River Energy project and Tamarac's proposed project which distinguish the projects, e.g., Tamarac's lack of eminent domain power and Clay County's willingness to assume responsibility for the environmental review process. EFP staff takes no position on whether these differences are relevant to Otter Tail County's interpretation of its ordinances and authorities.

- (1) Providing an opportunity for the public to participate in the development of the scope of the environmental assessment before it is prepared,
- (2) Publishing notice in the EQB Monitor when the assessment is available for review and the procedure for commenting on the assessment, and
- (3) Withholding a final decision on the project until at least ten days after the notice appears in the EQB Monitor.

Clay County must provide a copy of the environmental assessment to the Commission when it is completed (Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 5). Electronic filing (eFiling) of the environmental assessment is encouraged (<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling>).

EFP staff suggests that the environmental assessment for the project include discussion of the issues noted above:

- (1) A discussion of that section of the proposed route along Minnesota State Highway 34 and how the Tamarac 115 kV line will be accommodated (or not) within the highway right-of-way, including all correspondence with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- (2) A discussion of all alternative routes raised during scoping and whether these routes would proceed along an Otter Tail County road.
- (3) A discussion of how the ROW for the Tamarac 115 kV line will be accommodated within Otter Tail County road rights-of-way. The discussion should include the width of the 115 kV transmission line ROW, the width of the county road ROW, and drawings illustrating the accommodation of the transmission line and any ROW (easement) required from private landowners along the route.

This letter confirms that Tamarac has sent the required notice to those persons on the Commission's general notification list that a permit has been applied for from a local unit of government (Minn. Rules 7850.5300, Subp. 3).

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Ray Kirsch
raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us
651-296-7588

enclosure

cc: Burl Haar, Commission
Bob Cupit, Commission
Leland Rogness, Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners
David Hauser, Otter Tail County Attorney

APPENDIX A.4

**LETTER SENT TO MPUC POWER PLANT SITING GENERAL NOTIFICATION
LIST AND RECIPIENT LIST**

Tamarac Line, LLC

March 2, 2012

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Tamarac Line, LLC 115kV Transmission Line-Clay and Otter Tail County

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA), Minn. Stat. §216E.05, subd. 3, and Minn. R. 7850.5300, subp. 3, this letter, filed via eFiling, serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities commission (Commission) that Tamarac Line, LLC intends to seek local review and approval to construct an approximately 8.5-mile, 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to serve as a feeder line for a less than 50 MW electric generation plant permitted under a separate permitting authority (see attached **Figure 1**).

Project Location

The Project is located in the northwest corner of Otter Tail County along County Highway 23 and County Road 2 and enters into Clay County along 120th Avenue South where it terminates at previously permitted substation located near the intersection of 120th Ave. So. and County Road 125 (280th Street South). The proposed transmission line will be located in a rural area along public roadways and adjacent to agricultural lands.

Project Description

Tamarac Line, LLC proposes to construct an approximately 8.5-mile, 115kV, single-circuit transmission line to serve as a feeder line for a less than 50MW electric generation plant permitted under a separate permitting authority. The southern end of the Project is located in Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, at the existing Tamarac substation located near the intersection of State Highway 34 and 183rd Avenue. From there it proceeds west along Hwy 34 for 0.75 miles then turns north along County Hwy 23 for approximately 5.3 miles until it intersects with County Hwy 2. From there it continues west along the south side of Hwy 2 for approximately 1.0 mile to the Clay County/Otter Tail County border. The line shifts to the north side of 120th Avenue South and continues west for approximately 2.0 miles where it terminates at the LWECS substation near the intersection of 120th Ave. So. and County Road 125 (280th Street South).

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The proposed transmission line will be designed using single pole, horizontal or braced post structures composed of wood or weathering steel. The poles will be approximately 60-75 feet in height with a span length of approximately 300 to 400 feet.

Local Government Unit

Clay County is the local government unit (LGU) for the Project. While the Project is required to be approved by the Commission pursuant to the PPSA, Minn. Stat. §216E.05 and Minn. R. 7850.5300, Tamarac Line, LLC seeks local review of the required environmental assessment and approval from Clay County via the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process. County staff has indicated they are prepared and willing to review and potentially grant a CUP for the Project. On February 29, 2012, Tamarac Line, LLC submitted a CUP application to Clay County for review and approval of the Project.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §216E.05, subd. 1(b) and Minn. R. 7850.5300, subp. 4, the County has been notified that it has 60 days to refer permitting the Project to the Commission. Additionally, Tamarac line, LLC will work with other applicable regulatory agencies to obtain any required Project specific permits regarding public land, water, and wetland crossing.

Tamarac Line, LLC provided notice to those persons on the Commission's General Notification List that a permit for the Project has been applied for from the County in accordance with Minn. R. 7850.5300, subp. 3. Questions for the County regarding this Project and the County CUP process should be directed to Tim Magnusson, Clay County Planning Director at (218) 229-5002 or me at (612) 331-1486 ext. 303 or paul.white@prcwind.com.

Sincerely,

TAMARAC LINE, LLC



Paul White
Chief Manager

Enclosure: Figure 1

Cc: Tim Magnusson, Clay County Planning Director-w/ encl.
Deborah Pile, Office of Energy Security-w/encl.
Commission's General Notification List-w/encl.

Surname	Name	Address	Address2	City	State	Zip	Organization
Abrams	Lonnie	280 Zandale Drive		Lexington	KY	40503	
Adelmann	Audrey	4752 220th St. W.		Farmington	MN	55024	
Allison	Chuck	317 East Elm Street		Norwood Young America	MN	55368	
Ambrose	Robert	12300 Elm Creek Blvd		Maple Grove	MN	55369	Great River Energy
Anderson	David	3940 Alvarado lane North		Plymouth	MN	55446	Saddlewood development resident
Anderson	Patrick	900 E. 7th St.	Apt. 4	Winona	MN	55987	Winona Daily News
Anderson	Sigurd	PO Box 278		Lake City	MN	55041	CURE
Baertlein	Cheryl	56901 County Road 21		Mazeppa	MN	55956	
Bair	Annette	2401 Broadway Ave		Slayton	MN	56172	SRDC - SW CERT
Bartell	Patrick	7505 Highway 7		Minneapolis	MN	55426	Volco
Bates	Mike	8 3rd St. South		Great Falls	MT	59401	
Beckmann	Dale	7699 Anagram Dr.		Eden Prairie	MN	55344	Westwood
Bellig	Peter	207 Cedar Cliff Road		Redwood Falls	MN	56283	
Bertrand	James	150 South 5th Street	Suite 2300	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Leonard Street and Deinard
Bird	Josh	2025 49th Ave N		Minneapolis	MN	55430	GE Energy
Bissonnette	Michelle	701 Xenia Ave. South	Suite 600	Minneapolis	MN	55416	HDR
Black	Chris	49630 660th Ave		Fairfax	MN	55332	
Bodeker	Ricky and Connie	6842 338th Street Way		Cannon Falls	MN	55009	
Bouta	Michelle	323 West Schleiman Avenue		Appleton	MN	56208	Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
Bowman	M.	210 9th St SE		Rochester	MN	55904	OMC
Braman	Barbara	8040 Stevens Ave. S.		Bloomington	MN	55420	Acorn Environmental Consultants Inc.
Brandt	Derek	PO Box 46425		Eden Prairie	MN	55344	Hartford Group Inc.
Brown	Andrew	50 South Sixth Street	Suite 1500	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Dorsey and Whitney
Bubb	Steven	261 School Avenue	Suite 200	Excelsior	MN	55331	Energy Pursuits LLC
Butner	Joe	14503 Wallick Rd.		Atchison	KS	66002	The StressCrete Group
Cardozo	Jeffrey	21044 Chippendale Ct		Farmington	MN	55024	Mobile Mini Inc
Carlson	Hali	89 Norman Drive		Kenora Ontario		P9N 3T6	NCC
Clark	Marie	2901 28th Street		Snyder	TX	79549	
Coates	Becky	2401 Pilot Knob Road	Suite 138	Mendota Heights	MN	55120	Professional Service Industries Inc.
Collins	Andy	4688 290th Street West		Northfield	MN	55057	
Cook	Bill	4000 East River Road NE		Rochester	MN	55906	Rochester Public Utilities
Crocker	George	PO Box 174		Lake Elmo	MN	55042	North American Water

Crum	Lisa	P.O. Box 129		Scandia	MN	55073	Lisa A. Crum Law Office
Dalager	Emily	400 First Ave North	Suite 535	Minneapolis	MN	55401	
Davidson	Matt	500 W Broadway Ave		Plainview	MN	55964	ISD 2899
Davies	Wanda	3001 Broadway St. NE	Suite 695	Minneapolis	MN	55413	Navitas Energy
Davis	Hadley	85 Second St.		San Francisco	CA	94105	Sierra Club
Davis	Thomas	1161 50th Ave.		Sherburn	MN	56171	
DeBleekere	Tricia	121 7th Place East	Suite 350	St. Paul	MN	55101	MN Public Utilities Commission
DeLong	Skip	15317 11th Street N.E.		Mayville	ND	58257	Wind Energy Services
DeSalle	Pam	P.O. Box 142		Becker	MN	55308	
Dick	Barbara	29155 Harry Ave		Randolph	MN	55065	
Dolan	Michael	6117 Scotia Drive		Edina	MN	55439	
Doperalski	Melissa	1200 Warner Road		St. Paul	MN	55106	DNR
Doucette	Elise	520 Lafayette Road North		St. Paul	MN	55155	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Drawz	John	200 South Sixth Street	Suite 4000	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Fredrikson Byron P.A.
Drawz	John	200 South Sixth Street	Suite 4000	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Fredrikson and Byron P.A.
Drusch	Dean	44465 260th Street		Morgan	MN	56266	
Duehr	Jeremy	924 Vista Ridge Lane		Shakopee	MN	55379	Malcolm Pirnie Inc.
Dufault	Cal	14893 Wilds Pkwy. NW		Prior Lake	MN	55372	
Dunkle	Ledy	844 East Rockland Road		Libertyville	IL	60048	Aldridge Electric Inc.
Edwards	Patrick	10006 305th Street West		Northfield	MN	55057	
Ehlen	Timothy	2750 Capriole Drive		Medina	MN	55340	NWEC
Eide-Tollefson	Kristen	429 SE 14th Ave		Minneapolis	MN	55414	
Eney	Robert	23076 Lewiston Blvd		Hampton	MN	55031	
Entinger	Paul	13821 300th St.		New Prague	MN	56071	
Erickson	Mike	8231 214th St. W.		Lakeville	MN	55044	Scruples Professional Salon Products Inc.
Eskeli	Shanna	15112 N Little Sweden Rd		Nashwauk	MN	55769	
Fassett	Jeff	5200 Birchwood Ct NW		Alexandria	MN	56308	IEM Energy Consultants Inc.
Fehr	Timothy	827 N. Liberty Street		Morris	IL	60450	TransCanada
Finn	Huck	1100 Old Hwy 8 N.W.		New Brighton	MN	55112	API Construction Company
Florea	Adina	414 Nicollet Mall		Minneapolis	MN	55401	
Forum Communications		Pressroom B12C	State Capitol	St. Paul	MN	55155	Forum Communications
Fredrickson	Dale	12406 347th St.		Lindstrom	MN	55045	
Frisk-Thompson	Lori	459 S Grove Street		Blue Earth	MN	56013	CMMPA

Frost	Jenny	5201 East River Road		Minneapolis	MN	55421	Ulteig Engineers
Gale	Jeffery	5110 Main Street NE		Mpls	MN	55421	FPD Power Development
Galloway	Chad	8400 E. Crescent Pkwy	Suite 600	Greenwood Village	CO	80111	Arion Energy LLC.
Garletz	Annalee	125 Charles Avenue		St. Paul	MN	55103	Association of MN Counties
Gau	Steve	59178 411 Ave		Mazeppa	MN	55956	
Gebhardt	K. A.	43901 253rd Avenue		Leonard	MN	56652	
Geibe	Jayne	4925 Elmore Ave		Webster	MN	55088	
Gerber	Darrell	308 E Hennepin Ave		Minneapolis	MN	55414	Clean Water Action Alliance
Goff	Wayne	5721 Highway 212		Glencoe	MN	55336	Homeowner
Gohmann	Curt and Mary Pat	35123 County Road 2		St. Joseph	MN	56374	
Golzarian	Jafar	17010 40th place north		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Greening	Mary	22 6 St E	Dept 123	Mantorville	MN	55955	Dodge County Environmental Services
Guajardo	Floyd	1455 West Loop South	Suite 400	Houston	TX	77027	PennWell Corporation
Hahn	Heidi	4778 Chester Avenue		Webster	MN	55088	
Hammel	Karen	1400 Bremer Tower	445 Minnesota Street	St. Paul	MN	55101	Attorney General s Office
Hansen	Eric	11541 95th Avenue North		Maple Grove	MN	55369	Pinnacle Engineering Inc.
Hanson	Linda	W 1806 Wilson Rd		Hawkins	WI	54530	
Hartman	Larry	2236 Sherwood Court		Minnetonka	MN	55305	
Haseleu	Randy and Rose	420 South Hoyt		Springfield	MN	56087	
Healy	Chuck	10600 Zinran Circle S		Bloomington	MN	55438	
Heaney	Bill	P. O. Box 65397		St. Paul	MN	55165	IBEW Mn. State Council
Hegerle	Becky	2246 Edgewood Avenue		St. Louis Park	MN	55426	Marcy Construction Company
Heim	Kevin	9169 Larkspur Lane		Eden Prairie	MN	55347	
Henry	Kris	28441 Garrett Avenue		Northfield	MN	55057	
Henry	Robert	2925 12th Street East		Glencoe	MN	55336	
Herring	Valerie	2200 IDS Center	80 South 8th Street	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Briggs and Morgan
Herzog	Natalie	10050 57th Avenue N		Glyndon	MN	56547	
Hessenius	Vickie	69144 270th Street		Dexter	MN	55926	
Heyer	Shirley	2426 13th Ave. S.		Minneapolis	MN	55404	Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association Inc.
Hickey	Douglas	4301 Spruce Way		Maple Plain	MN	55359	
Hoffman	Joe and Arlene	2521 260th Street West		New Prague	MN	56071	
Howden	Rick	227 E Main Street	Suite 220	Mankato	MN	56001	Congressman Tim Walz

Hreha	Jodi	8315 Shadyview Lane N		Maple Grove	MN	55311	
Hunstad	Tim	4165 Shorewood Trail		Medina	MN	55340	HMG LLC
Hurley	Wayne	1000 Western Ave.	PO Box 318	Fergus Falls	MN	56538-0318	West Central Initiative
Intern		350 South 5th Street	Room 307 City Hall	Minneapolis	MN	55415	
Jewell	Sarah	33294 112th Avenue		Avon	MN	56310	
Johnson	Patricia	23347 220th St.		Rushmore	MN	56168	
Jovonovich-Lesmeister	Jacqui	8468 140th Ave S		Sabin	MN	56580	Lesmeister Flying Service
Katzung	Chad	9 80th steet S.E		Rochester	MN	55904	IBEW Local 343
Kaufman	Todd	1625 Energy Park Drive	Suite 100	St. Paul	MN	55108	Wellington Management Inc.
Kearns	Cesia	2327 E. Franklin Ave.	Ste. 1	Minneapolis	MN	55406	Sierra Club
Kennedy	Beau	59525 415th Ave.		Mazeppa	MN	55956	
Kenning	Darren	7242 Old Hwy 52		St. Cloud	MN	56303	
Kennon	Peter	333 W Wacker Dr	Suite 1500	Chicago	IL	60657	Acciona Energy N.A. Corp
King	Bruce	1903 Keith Street	Suite 3	Eau Claire	WI	54701	Realtors Association of Northwestern Wisconsin
Kispert	Lorry	50669 20th Ave.		Kenyon	MN	55946	
Kocer	Joseph	5727 65th St. NW		Rochester	MN	55901	
Koen	Charles	8115 173rd St W		Lakeville	MN	55044	
Kotch	Stacy	395 John Ireland Blvd	Mailstop 678	St. Paul	MN	55155	Minnesota Department of Transportation
Krause	Kari	Midwest Plaza Building	800 Marquette Ave	Minneapolis	MN	55402	AMEC Earth and Environmental
Krekelberg	Trudi	820 Hamlet Dr S		Avon	MN	56301	
Kromar	Karen	520 Lafayette Road North	4th Floor	St. Paul	MN	55116	MPCA
Kuebelbeck	James	28391 Kelp Rd		St. Joseph	MN	56374	
Lee	John	4700 W. 77th Street		Minneapolis	MN	55435	Barr Engineering Co.
Legatt	Lois and Dennis	10960 385th Street		St. Joseph	MN	56374	
Lindquist	Kim	2875 145th Street W		Rosemount	MN	55068	City of Rosemount
Logan	James	6384 Shetland Dr NW		Rochester	MN	55901	
Long	Brian	5201 East River Road	No. 308	Minneapolis	MN	55421	Ulteig Engineering Inc.
Lyke	Richard	13051 18th Ave. NW	P.O. Box 389	Oronoco	MN	55960	Oronoco Township
Macabee	Paula	1961 Selby	EMAIL ONLY	St. Paul	MN	55104	Just Change Consulting Law Offices
MacLaury	Kyle	212 3rd Avenue North	Suite 560	Minneapolis	MN	55401	Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment
Mahan	Amy	3810 Alvarado Lane North		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Malwitz	Jacob	10852 40 AVE NE		Elgin	MN	55932	

Markegard	Glen	1800 W. Old Shakopee Road		Bloomington	MN	55419	City of Bloomington
Marshman	Joan	30129 Co 2 Blvd	PO Box 62	Frontenac	MN	55026	Florence Township
McMorrow	Michelle	32537 59th Avenue Way		Cannon Falls	MN	55009	
Meloy	Brian	150 South 5th Street	Suite 2300	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Leonard Street and Deinard
Melvie	Kraig	21738 165th ave nw		viking	MN	56760	K K Trucking Inc.
Meyer	Beatrice	3284 Clairmont North NE		Atlanta	GA	30329	
Miller	Dianne	8652 60th Street West		Lonsdale	MN	55046	
Miner	Ryan	2246 Edgewood Ave.		St. Louis Park	MN	55426	Marcy Construction
Mitchell	Brian	1633 Eustis Street		St. Paul	MN	55108	Corval Group
Mittelstaedt	Steven	32097 Sanborn DR		montgomery	MN	56069	
Mixon	Kevin	261 HWY 15 South		New Ulm	MN	56073	DNR
Moe	M.	2021 22nd Ave NE		Minneapolis	MN	55418	
Moeller	Keith	5150 Quantico Lane N		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Morris	David	1313 5th Street S.E.	Suite 303	Minneapolis	MN	55414	ILSR
Morse	Joseph	PO Box 331		Winona	MN	55987	Bluff Land Environmental Watch
Morse	Todd	3521 Riverview Circle S.		Moorhead	MN	56560	Trinity Investments LLC
Mueller	Colleen	22186 State Hwy 4		Paynesville	MN	56362	
Muller	Sharon	3078 125th St. NW		Oronoco	MN	55960	
Nelson	Kevin	120 3rd. Ave. S		Brookings	SD	57006	Utility Shareholders of South Dakota
Nickel	Jamie	3945 Alvarado LN N		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Nicolai	Leo	23449 Lewiston Blvd.		Hampton	MN	55031	
Norman	C. Merl Anna Mae	39757 573rd Street	39814 573rd Street	Zumbro Falls	MN	55991	Laymen for Christ Woodland Camp
Notch	Steve	28086 38th Street		Freeport	MN	56331	Millwood Township
Nyhus	Stephanie	600 North Robert Street	Mail Station 3340	St. Paul	MN	55992	State of Minnesota
Nyhus	Steven	525 Park St	Suite 470	St. Paul	MN	55103	Flaherty and Hood P.A.
O Connell	Kate	85 7th Place East	Suite 500	St. Paul	MN	55101	
O Gary	Eric	21532 Willamette Street NE		Wyoming	MN	55092	
Olson	Elling	700 Meadow Lane North		Minneapolis	MN	55422	M A Mortenson Co.
Opatz	Roger	37579 County Road 155		Avon	MN	56310	
Overland	Carol	P.O. Box 176		Red Wing	MN	55066	Overland Law Office
Palmquist	Mark	24831 Natchez Avenue		Lakeville	MN	55044	
Pangborn	Michael	14000 Sundial Ct		Eden Prairie	MN	55346	NextEra Energy Resources
Passe	Daniel	23611 Belmont Street		Hampton	MN	55031	

Patrick	Bonnie	30875 MN Ave		Lindstrom	MN	55065	
Peterson	Kevin	846 48th Avenue NW		Rochester	MN	55901	Local Union 160
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Piner	Angela	701 Xenia Ave. South	Suite 600	Minneapolis	MN	55416	HDR
Porter	Jay	PO Box 47		Waukesha	WI	53187	American Transmission Company
Porter	Timothy	6360 Huntley Road		Columbus	OH	43229	Reynolds Inc.
Radford	Sam	23305 Hampton Blvd.		Hampton	MN	55031	
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Rothaus	Richard	1965 W. Highview Dr		Sauk Rapids	MN	56379	Trefoil Cultural and Environmental Heritage
Rowan	Tony and Shelley	30800 Iran Path		Northfield	MN	55057	
Rubink	Annette	18119 State Highway 371		Brainerd	MN	56401	National Conductor
Ruccolo	Erin Stojan-	408 St. Peter Street	Suite 220	St. Paul	MN	55102	Fresh Energy
Rude	Cheryl	5475 254th Ave.		Granite Falls	MN	56241	
Schaefer	Benjamin	261 Highway 15 South		New Ulm	MN	56073	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Scheffler	Lowell	49862 240th Ave Way		Mazeppa	MN	55956	
Scherping	Rick	37995 Hwy 56 Blvd		Dennison	MN	55018	
Schmidt	Jay	58664 Hwy 42		Kellogg	MN	55945	
Schmidt	Kris	17501 West 250th Street		Belle Plaine	MN	56011	Blakeley Township
Schrader	Michael	10810 N. Tatum Blvd.	Suite 102307	Phoenix	AZ	85028	Ariztar Development LLC.
Schrenzel	Jamie	500 Lafayette Road	Box 25	St. Paul	MN	55155	MN DNR
Schroeder	Randy	33763 327th Ave.		Morgan	MN	56266	
Schultz	Bart	6901 East Fish Lake Road	Suite 140	Maple Grove	MN	55369	Houston Engineering Inc.
Schulz	Amy	765 Industrial Dr		Cary	IL	60013	Duraflex Inc.
Schumacher	Rod	115 E. Hickory St. 300		Mankato	MN	56001	I S Group
Schwalbe	Steve and Lisa	16825 363rd St		Avon	MN	56310	
Scriven	Terri	1060 Breezewood Lane	Suite 102	Neenah	WI	54956	River Valley Testing Corp
Segroves	Louise	4700 W. 77th St		Minneapolis	MN	55435	Barr Engineering
Sherman	Todd	Waters Edge	1500 W. Co.	Roseville	MN	55113	Dept. of Transportation

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SII Inc		7809 Southtown Center	Suite 109	Bloomington	MN	55431	SII Inc
Simon	Cyril and Natalie	2646 260th St. East		Webster	MN	55088	
Skarbakka	Glen	12300 Elm Creek Blvd		Maple Grove	MN	55369	Great River Energy
Slade	Dana	200 South Sixth Street	Suite 300	Minneapolis	MN	55402	Avant Energy Services
Slukich	Tom	18119 Hwy 371 North		Brainerd	MN	56401	National Conductor Constructors
Sokolski	Adam	701 4th Avenue South	Suite 1010	Minneapolis	MN	55415	Iberdrola Renewables
Sommer	Steve	520 Lafayette Road		St. Paul	MN	55155	MPCA
Stark	Deborah	30715 Woodhaven Trail		Cannon Falls	MN	55009	Cannon Falls Township
Steckelberg	Michael	12300 Elm Creek Blvd.		Maple Grove	MN	55369	Great River Energy
Stengel	Al	2244 520 Street		Hanley Falls	MN	56245	
Stindtman	Michele	415 S Grove Street	Suite 8	Blue Earth	MN	56013	Planning Zoning Administrator
Stoks	Joe	1926 160th Ave		Canby	MN	56220	
Stradley	Kathleen and Scot	3116 Highway 9 South		Glyndon	MN	56547	
Straub	Janet	P. O. Box 43		Le Sueur	MN	56058	
Strohfus	Mark	12300 Elm Creek Blvd.		Maple Grove	MN	55369	Great River Energy
Sulander	Mark	2528 38th Avenue South		Minneapolis	MN	55406	
Sullins	Tony	4101 American Blvd. E		Bloomington	MN	55425	USFWS
Swafford	Tom	3947 East Calvary Road		Duluth	MN	55803	UMS
Swanson	Eric	225 South Sixth Street	Suite 3500	Minneapolis	MN	55102	Winthrop and Weinstine P.A.
Swartz	Sean	526 10th Street NE	P.O. Box 485	West Fargo	ND	58078	
Swenson	Kristin	3001 Broadway Street NE	Suite 695	Minneapolis	MN	55413	Navitas Energy
Swenson	Steven	115 2nd St. NE		Pipestone	MN	56164	Pipestone Publishing
Tadych	Todd	2 Fen Oak Court		Madison	WI	53718	American Transmission Company LLC
Thayer	Jayme	5540 Glenwood Hills Pkwy SE		Grand Rapids	MI	49512	
Thoe	Susan	26200 748 Street		Hayfield	MN	55940	
Thompson	SaGonna	414 Nicollet Mall	5th Floor	Minneapolis	MN	55401	Xcel Energy
Trivellizzi	Marco	8501 W. Higgins	Suite 400	Chicago	IL	60631	Mass. Electric Coonstruction Company
Ulmer	Emily	85 Second Street	2nd floor	San Francisco	CA	94105	Sierra Club
VanHaren	John	9428 Talladay Road		Willis	MI	48191	National Pole and Structure
Vertes	Tom	4710 Orchid Lane North		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Vetsch	Jeff	112 Norwood St.		New London	MN	56273	CERTs
Vezina	Michael	5104 Hillsboro Avenue North		New Hope	MN	55428	Mueller Sales Corp.

Voller	James	33038 102nd Ave		St. Joseph	MN	56374	
Vorwerk	Larry	29322 Danbury Ave.		Northfield	MN	55057	
Wagner	Scott	6024 Penn Ave. So.		Minneapolis	MN	55419	Wagner Partners LP
Weigel	Matthias	625 8th Ave SE		Minneapolis	MN	55412	PRC
Withers	Sarah	74576 560th Ave.		Jackson	MN	56143	
Wolf	Guy	N3421 Mohawk Valley Road		Stoddard	WI	54658	Board Member of Clean Wisconsin
Wood	John	4635 Minnesota Lane N		Plymouth	MN	55446	
Wright-Knutson	Jan	5111 Lavinia Road NE		Bemidji	MN	56601	
Zelenak	Brian	414 Nicollet Mall	7th Floor	Minneapolis	MN	55401	Xcel Energy
Zimanske	Betty	5710 Halstad Avenue		Lonsdale	MN	55046	

APPENDIX B
PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPENDIX B.1
LANDOWNER LIST

OWNER NAME	City	State	Zip Code
OTTER TAIL COUNTY LANDOWNERS			
BOB BIERAUGEL	Eagan	MN	55121
CYNTHIA J NELSON	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
TERRY & WENDY SLATTERY	Bloomington	MN	55438
DEBRA J. LEVERSON	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
DONALD L & BECKY RADTKE	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
DORIS MOFFETT	Moose Lake	MN	55767-9107
ERNEST AND GORDON SEIDEL	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
ERNIE OBERG	Fargo	ND	58103
GEORGE & MARIE HASLACH	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
GORDON & MARIYLN BREDEBERG	Bokeelia	FL	33922
JACK L. BJERKE	Valley City	ND	58072
LOUIS H. KAMROWSKI	Fergus Falls	MN	56537-4631
PAUL & DENISE A BOESE GUBRUD	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
ROBERT J. SCHULZE	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572-7041
ROGER W. EVENSON	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572-7046
RON LEATHERS	St Paul	MN	55110-5254
STEVEN A BRATLIE ET AL	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
STEVEN BERG	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
TIM LEWIS	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
TIMOTHY J & JESSICA R WILLIAMS	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
TUCKER J & MANDI L HIBBERT	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
WADE D. PEDERSON	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
WENDY SLATTERY	Edina	MN	55435
GREAT RIVER ENERGY	Maple Grove	MN	55369-4718
BECKER COUNTY LANDOWNERS			
BOB BIERAUGEL	Eagan	MN	55121
GLACIER RESOURCES	Grand Forks	MN	58208-3500
CLAY COUNTY LANDOWNERS			
BRUCE C. BANG	Hawley	MN	56549
DAVID H. BERGSEID	Hawley	MN	56549
DAVID L. WICKLUND	Hawley	MN	56549
GERALD W. RIDDLE	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572-9200
JEFFREY S. ANDERSON	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
JON AAKRE	Hawley	MN	56549
JUSTIN AND RACHEL AXNESS	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
ROGER BERGREN	Pelican Rapids	MN	56572
TONY KOST	Fargo	MN	58106

APPENDIX B.2
PUBLISHED NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 24, 2012 EA SCOPING MEETING AND
HANDOUTS

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COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL

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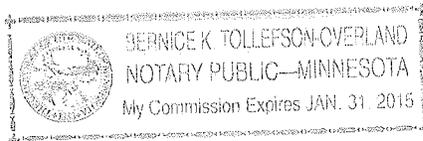
and printed below is a copy of the lower case alphabet from A to Z, both
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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

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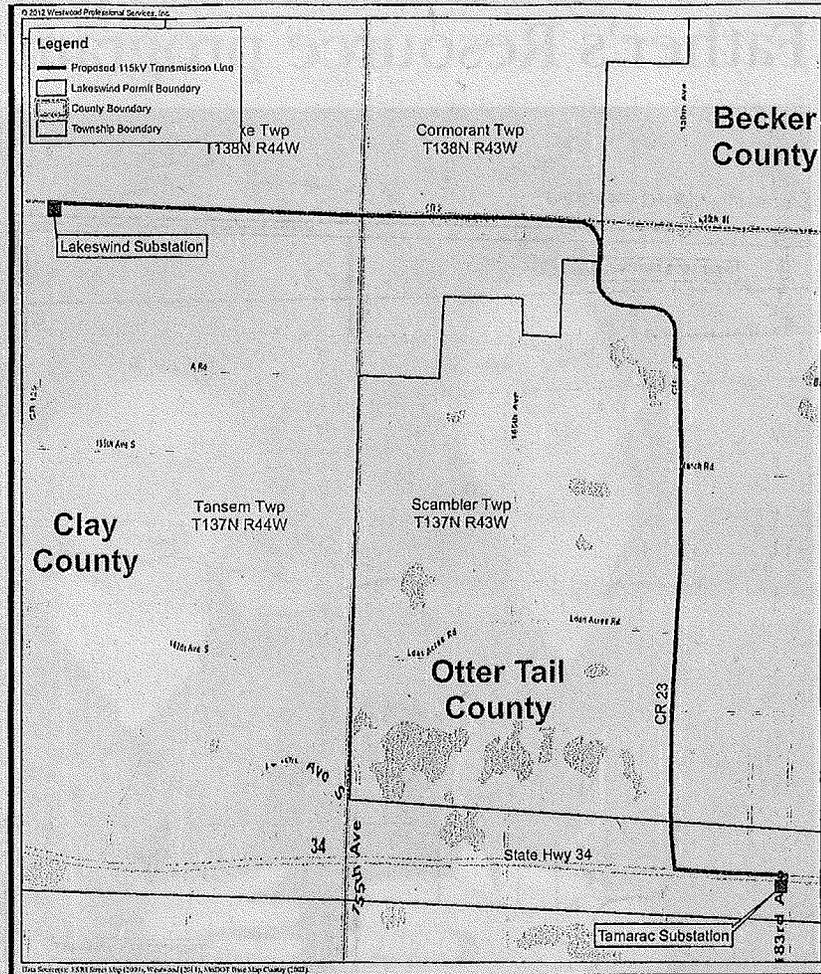
OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 24, 2012
4 to 7 p.m.
Galaxie Sports Bar & Supper Club
20063 Highway 34
Barnesville, Minnesota 56514

If you know of any interested person or persons who did not receive written notification of said hearing, it would be appreciated if you inform them of the open house. If you cannot attend, all comments, written or verbal, will be accepted until Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 and can be submitted to the following address:

Westwood Professional Services
Attn: Dean T. Sather
7699 Anagram Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Phone 952-906-7488
Email: dean.sather@westwoodps.com

Tamarac Line, LLC has requested environmental review of the project by several federal, state, and local agencies. The status of those reviews is pending.



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Eugene A. Prim, being duly sworn, on oath says he is and during all the times herein stated has been the publisher of the newspaper known as The Barnesville Record-Review and has full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows: (1) Said newspaper is printed in the English language in newspaper format and in column and sheet form equivalent in printed space to at least 900 square inches. (2) Said newspaper is a weekly and is distributed at least once each week. (3) Said newspaper has 50 percent of its news columns devoted to news of local interest to the community which it purports to serve and does not wholly duplicate any other publication and is not made up entirely of patents, plate matter and advertisements. (4) Said newspaper is circulated in and near the municipality which it purports to serve, has at least 500 copies regularly delivered to paying subscribers, has an average of at least 75 percent of its total circulation currently paid for no more than three months in arrears and has entry as second-class matter in its local post office. (5) Said newspaper purports to serve the City of Barnesville in the County of Clay and it has its known office of issue in the City of Barnesville in said county established and open during its regular business hours for the gathering of news, sale of advertisements and sale of subscriptions and maintained by the managing officer of said newspaper or persons in his employ and subject to his direction and control during all such regular business hours and devoted exclusively during such regular business hours to the business the newspaper and business related thereto. (6) Said newspaper files a copy of each issue immediately with the State Historical Society. (7) Said newspaper is made available at single or subscription prices to any person, corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association requesting the newspaper and making the applicable payment. (8) Said newspaper has complied with all the foregoing conditions for at least one year preceding the day or dates of publication mentioning below. (9) Said newspaper has filed with the Secretary of State of Minnesota prior to January 1, 1966 and each January 1 thereafter an affidavit in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and signed by the managing officer of said newspaper and sworn to before a notary public stating that the newspaper is a legal newspaper.

He further states on oath that the print Open House Set For A Proposed Transmission Line hereto attached as a part hereof was cut from the columns of said newspaper and was printed and published therein in English language, once each week for 1 successive weeks; that it was first so published on Monday, the 20th day of February 20 12 and was thereafter printed and published on every Monday of each week to and including Monday the _____ day of _____ 20 _____ and that the following is a printed copy of the lower case alphabet from A to Z, both inclusive, and is hereby acknowledged as being the size and kind of type used in the composition and publication of said notice, to wit:

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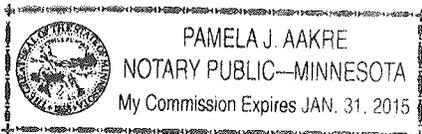
Eugene A. Prim

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of February 20 12

Pamela J. Aakre

Notary public Clay County, Minnesota

My Commission Expires January 31 20 15



Reader wants to know about tax breaks for Montanans

Dear readers,
One of my co-workers at The Dickinson Press sent me the following question:
I've had a question ever since I moved to Dickinson. Growing up in



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like everyone else. When I moved to Dickinson last year, I found out the state of North Dakota gives a sales tax break to Montana residents shopping in North Dakota if they spend more than \$50 because Montana has no sales tax. Why does North Dakota give breaks to Montanans and not Minnesotans?

Katherine Grandstrand
Thanks for the question! I contacted Cory Fong, Here's what he said:
"North Dakota tax policy, including sales tax exemptions, (is) established by the North Dakota Legislature. The exemption for Montana

residents goes way back into the history of our sales tax laws.
"Although the exemption is commonly referred to as the 'Montana exemption,' it is actually not specific to Montana. The sales tax law provides an exemption to a person from an adjoining state which does not impose or levy a retail sales tax.' It just happens that Montana is the only adjoining state that doesn't impose a tax on retail sales.
"To qualify for exemption, a Montana resident must come to North Dakota for the purpose of making a purchase, the purchase must be for \$50 or more and the product must be taken

outside of North Dakota for use.
"There has been legislation over the years to repeal the exemption. But so far, the Legislature has decided to continue the exemption policy. Those that support the exemption believe it encourages Montana residents to do business in our state, which in turn supports our local businesses and helps our economy.
"Without the exemption, Montana retailers would have a 5 percent price advantage over North Dakota retailers, which may discourage shopping here by Montana residents.
"Although Minnesota

does not impose sales tax on clothing, it does impose a sales tax of 6.875 percent on most other retail sales. So, for most products, Minnesota does not have a price advantage over North Dakota because of tax policy.
"Unlike with the Montana exemption, the Legislature has decided not to offer Minnesota residents an exemption on the clothing they purchase in North Dakota. There has been legislation introduced in the past two legislative sessions to exempt the sale of clothing in North Dakota, which would make us comparable to Minnesota. However, the

North Dakota Legislature did not pass the clothing exemption bills into law."
Do you have a question for a North Dakota state government official or agency? Send us your question, and we'll do our best to find an answer.
Email politics@wday.com (subject: Ask your government).
You may also write to Teri Finneman c/o Forum Communications, Press Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND 58505.
Please include your name, town and a phone number to reach you for verification.

TERI FINNEMAN is a multimedia reporter for Forum Communications Co.

shopping in Grand Forks and Fargo, Minnesota doesn't have tax on clothing, but we paid the tax on it in Grand Forks, just

Lutherans elect first female bishop in Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS - Minneapolis-area Lutherans have elected the first female bishop in Minnesota to lead the nation's largest Lutheran synod.

A majority of about 700 Lutherans voted Saturday to install Ann Svennungsen as the new bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is currently an interim college pastor at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The election comes as ELCA Lutherans are working to overcome declining membership and attract more ethnic minorities to the faith.

when they tried to stop it, the suspect sped away.

He got out and ran. Police said he pointed a gun toward officers, who dropped him with multiple shots. He then placed the gun under his own chin and fired. As officers came closer, he again aimed at them, so they fired again.

Men charged for making meth in campers in ND

WILLISTON, N.D. - Two men are accused of making methamphetamine in campers that were parked in Williston.

Authorities have charged 46-year-old William Butler of Williston, and 31-year-old John Oele of Boise,

process and other charges. No telephone listing for either brother could be found Saturday.

Sex offender arrested for peeping into dorm

DICKINSON, N.D. - Authorities say a 50-year-old registered sex offender was arrested for allegedly using binoculars to peek into windows of a women's dormitory at Dickinson State University.

Police said Allen Kerns is charged with surreptitious intrusion. Authorities said he was looking through windows of Woods Hall on Thursday evening.
The North Dakota sex

offender website classifies Kerns as a moderate sex offender. The website says he was convicted of sexual assault in Nebraska in 1995.

GF hospital announces expansion plans

GRAND FORKS - A hospital here is planning a major expansion and renovation project that includes purchasing another hospital in the city that has yet to open.

Altru Health Systems officials would not release financial details about the project, including the price tag on the new Doctors Hospital that planned to open in March.

The company said 41 new medical positions will be added this year.

The plans include replacing the current Altru Hospital in three phases, to be completed by 2020. The main clinic facility would be replaced in 2022.

Altru CEO Dave Molmen said the expansion is fueled by recent "unprecedented" growth for the company.

Transmission line topic of open house

BARNESVILLE, Minn. - Tamarac Line will sponsor an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Galaxie Sports Bar and Supper Club here to provide information

about a proposed transmission line in Otter Tail and Clay counties.

The project will consist of the construction of approximately 8.5 miles of new overhead transmission line needed to serve as a feeder line for a 50-megawatt electric generation plant.

For those who can't attend the open house, comments will be accepted until March 6. Send comments to Dean T. Sather, Westwood Professional Services, 7699 Anagram Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, call (952) 906-7488 or email dean.sather@westwoods.com.

**PROPOSED
TAMARAC TRANSMISSION 115 kV LINE PROJECT
CLAY AND OTTER TAIL COUNTIES, MINNESOTA**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is this project needed?

This project is needed to serve as a feeder line for a 50MW electric generation plant.

What permits are needed?

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is responsible for permitting power plant, transmission lines, pipelines and wind turbine siting. Under the power Plant Siting Act, a permit from the PUC is required for transmission line projects over 100 kV (Minn. Stat. § 216E). However on eligible projects, local review and permitting is possible. For such project, a utility may apply to a local unit of government (named the responsible governmental unit or RGU) instead of the PUC for a permit to build the project. The project is proposed to traverse Otter Tail county, Scambler Township, Clay county, and Tansem Township jurisdictions. After discussing the project with these entities, Clay County agreed to act as the lead RGU. If local approval is granted, a site or route permit is not required from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

When is construction anticipated?

After the route is approved, Tamarac Line, LLC will begin detailed survey and design. We expect construction to begin in the summer of 2012. The project is anticipated to be in service in October 2012.

What can landowners expect if the route is on their land?

A majority of the project route will likely occupy existing electrical line corridors. Some new easements may be necessary, however. We will work directly with property owners to address their concerns. Property owners may continue to use the land around transmission structures as long as it doesn't interfere with the safe operation of the electric line facilities.

How was the location of the proposed transmission line determined?

Project siting is coordinated with Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC). There is an existing LREC distribution line in the same path which will be adapted to the new line to the extent necessary and practicable. Tamarac LLC and LREC will share costs for the Project.

What will the line look like?

Poles for the transmission line will include single pole structures made of either galvanized or weathering steel, or wood. The pictures below are similar to how the transmission line structures (poles) will appear.

Single Circuit 115 kV Structures



Galvanized Pole Structure



Weathering Steel Structure

Will the Project include new Substations?

The Proposed 115kV Transmission Line Project does not include the construction of a new substation. The proposed 115kV line will connect to a new substation that will be constructed as part of the Lakeswind Wind Power Plant Project which was approved under a separate permitting process.

APPENDIX B.3
EXAMPLE LANDOWNER LETTER



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Eden Prairie, MN 55344

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February 15, 2012

Re: Notice of Proposed 115kV Transmission Line-Otter Tail and Clay Counties -
Environmental Scoping Meeting

Dear Landowner:

Clay County is preparing an environmental assessment for a 115kV transmission line proposed by Tamarac Line, LLC. The proposed transmission line will be located in Tansem Township in Clay County and Scambler Township in Otter Tail County and will consist of the construction of approximately 8.5 miles of new overhead 115kV transmission line. This project will serve as a feeder line for a 50 MW electric generation plant.

The proposed transmission line will be located in Sections 28, 21, 16, 6, 5, 4, Township 137, Range 43 of Otter Tail County and Sections 1 and 2, Township 137, Range 44 in Clay County (**Exhibit 1**).

An environmental review of the proposed project is required prior to issuing a permit. An important component of the environmental review is to hold a public meeting to determine the scope of the environmental review for the project. To that end, an open house is being held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012 in Barnesville, Minnesota. The open house will be held at the Galaxie Sports Bar & Supper Club located at 20063 Highway 34, Barnesville, MN 56514. This open house provides an opportunity for public input on the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for the Project.

The February 24th meeting is your opportunity to participate, and I encourage you to attend and share your view. Written comments will also be accepted until Tuesday, March 6, 2012 and can be submitted using the address below. Comments are accepted via mail, email, and in person at the public meeting.



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Please submit your comments to:

Westwood Professional Services
Attn: Dean T. Sather
7699 Anagram Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344-7310
Phone: (952) 906-7488
Email: dean.sather@westwoodps.com

All comments received about the project will be incorporated into an Environmental Assessment that is being prepared for the project.

If you have any questions or require more information about this project, please contact me at the above-listed address.

Sincerely,

WESTWOOD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean T. Sather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dean" and last name "Sather" clearly distinguishable.

Dean T. Sather
Project Director

Encl.

cc: Lee Glover, Tamarac Line, LLC

APPENDIX B.4
ATTENDANCE FORM FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2012 EA SCOPING MEETING

Tamarac Line, LLC.
115kV Transmission Line Construction Project
Public Meeting 2/24/2012

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL	REPRESENTING
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DAVID HANSON	18030 Hwy 32 Hawley, MN	218 937-5779	
Kay Anderson	26111 130th Ave S Hawley MN	218.937-5596	
Don Anderson	" "	" "	
Kim Krause	7753 Mark St Wahpeton, ND	701-642-2430	
Roger Krause	"	"	
Jason Abbott	3030 24th Ave S Moorhead, MN 56560	218-284-9500 jabbott@aerwin.com	
Lindy Nelson	50527 Cty Hwy 23	218-863- 777 1337	
Bruce Bang	10944 280th St. S	218-790-0298	
Marvin Hanson	12183 Hwy 32 Hawley	218 937-5756	

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Martin Spillum	Hawley	218-483-4730	
Jane Hansen	Moorehead	218-233-2957	
LeRoy Hansen	Moorehead	218-233-2957	
Darin Maffett	4815 Co Rd 12 Moose Lake, MN	218-485-8325	
Bob Maffett	4815 Co Rd 12 Moose Lake, MN	218-485-8325	
Sheree Eletsch	Aggregate Ind. 55767 P.O. Box 1036 Moorehead, MN 56561-1036	218-291-4410	
Ernest Carlson	11262 County Road 145	218-850-6519	
Jon Nelson	Pelican Rapids	218-937-5597	
Jon Aakre	20465 120th Ave S Hawley, MN 56049	218-937-5597	
Jana Aakre	11	218-937-5597	

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL	REPRESENTING
Janet Holt		Brian Holt	
Roger Minck	1110 3rd Ave N #204W Fargo ND 58102	R MINCK@SERKLANDLAW.COM	Self / Landowner
Jenny Tordahl	14923 250th S Hawley		

APPENDIX B.5
COMMENT FORMS

Tamarac Line, LLC.
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Barnesville, Minnesota

COMMENT FORM

FROM:

Name: DORIS MOFFETT
Address: 4815 Co Rd 12
Moose Lake, MN 55767
Representing:

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Please provide your property location (Township, Range, and Section will be fine)

Scamblers township, section 17 + section 8
Range 43

My comments regarding this project are:

Is there any health concerns coming
of the magnetic fields or electric wires?

IF MAILING YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE POST BY MARCH 1, 2012.

Please return your comments to one of our representatives at tonight's meeting.	Or, you can mail your comments to: Dean Sather Westwood Professional Services 7699 Anagram Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55344	Or, feel free to email your comments to: dean.sather@westwoodps.com
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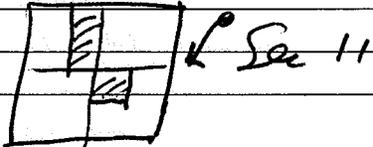
COMMENT FORM

FROM:

Name: Roger Minch
Address: 1110 3rd Ave N #904w
Fargo ND 58102
Representing: Self / Landowner

Please provide your property location (Township, Range, and Section will be fine)

Sec 11 Johnson Township, Clay Co MN



My comments regarding this project are:

I think it's a good development not just for me if I get a job here but the whole area.

The power line is in or at of the way phase.

This is the time to do projects like this. Not when it's too late or we are short of power 2/24/12

IF MAILING YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE POST BY MARCH 1, 2012.

Please return your comments to one of our representatives at tonight's meeting.

Or, you can mail your comments to:
Dean Sather
Westwood Professional Services
7699 Anagram Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Or, feel free to email your comments to:
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APPENDIX C

MAPS

APPENDIX C.1
ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES MAPS

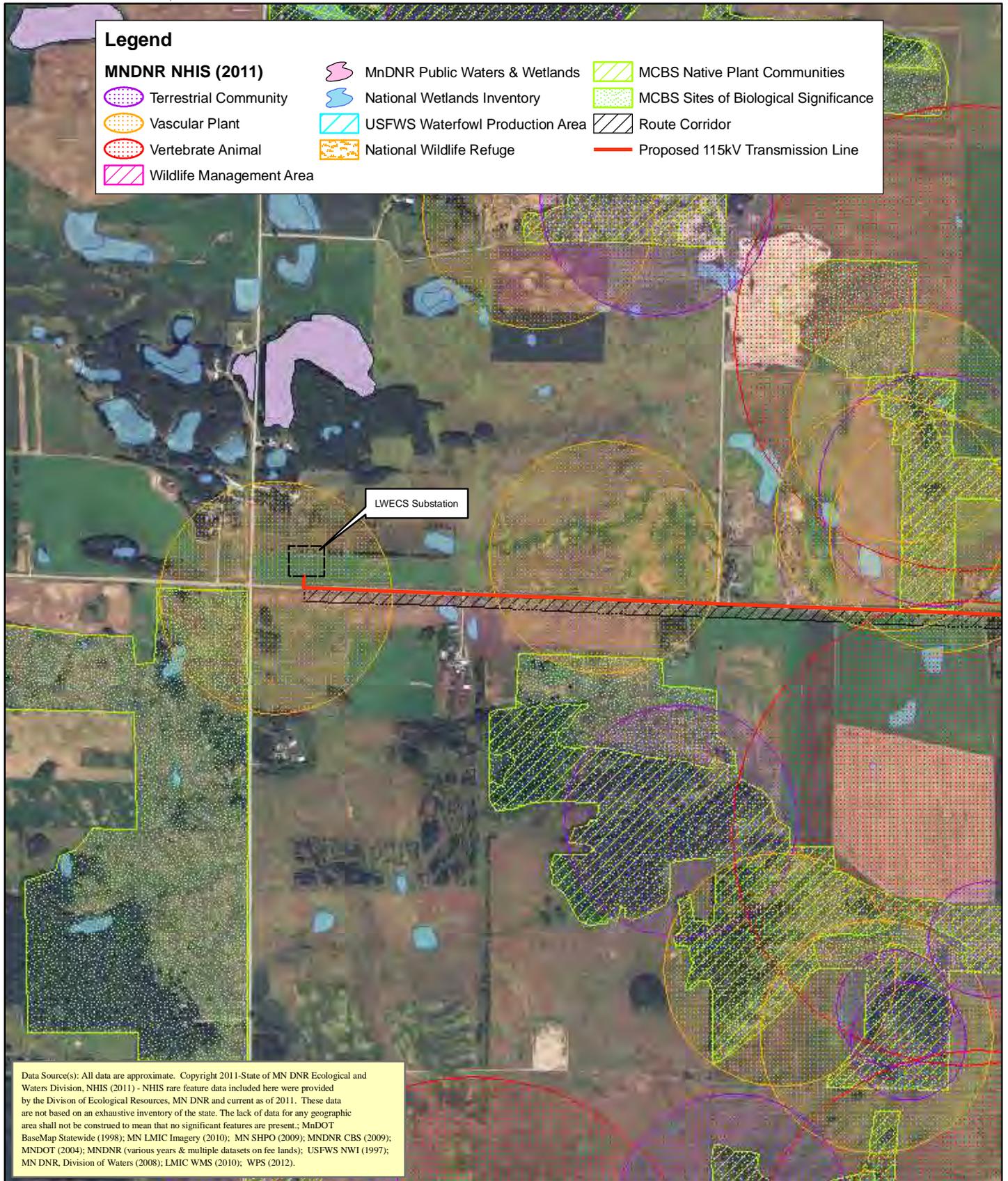
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MNDNR NHIS (2011)

-  Terrestrial Community
-  Vascular Plant
-  Vertebrate Animal
-  Wildlife Management Area

-  MnDNR Public Waters & Wetlands
-  National Wetlands Inventory
-  USFWS Waterfowl Production Area
-  National Wildlife Refuge

-  MCBS Native Plant Communities
-  MCBS Sites of Biological Significance
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Otter Tail and Clay Counties, Minnesota

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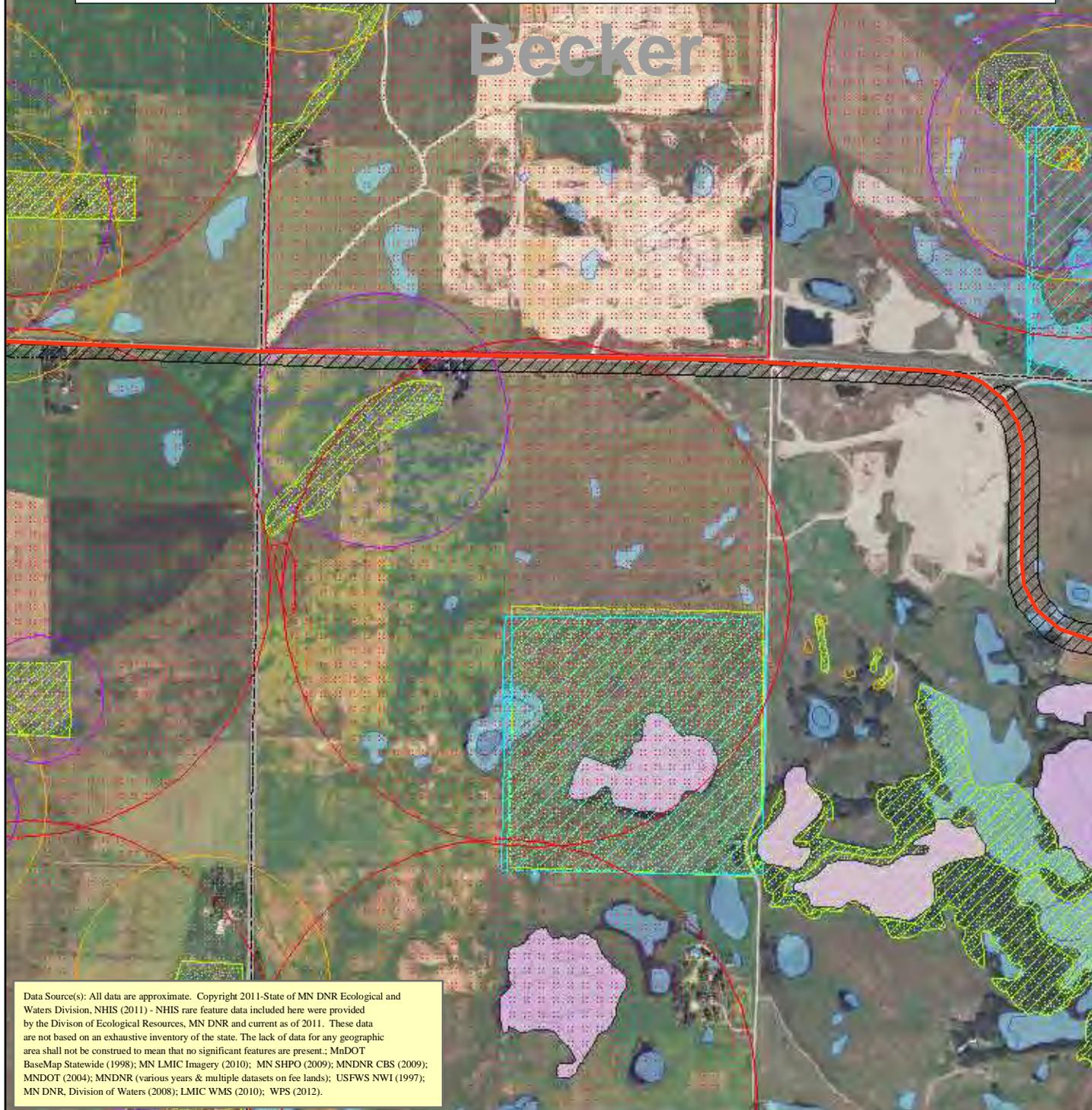
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-  Terrestrial Community - Other Classification
-  Vascular Plant
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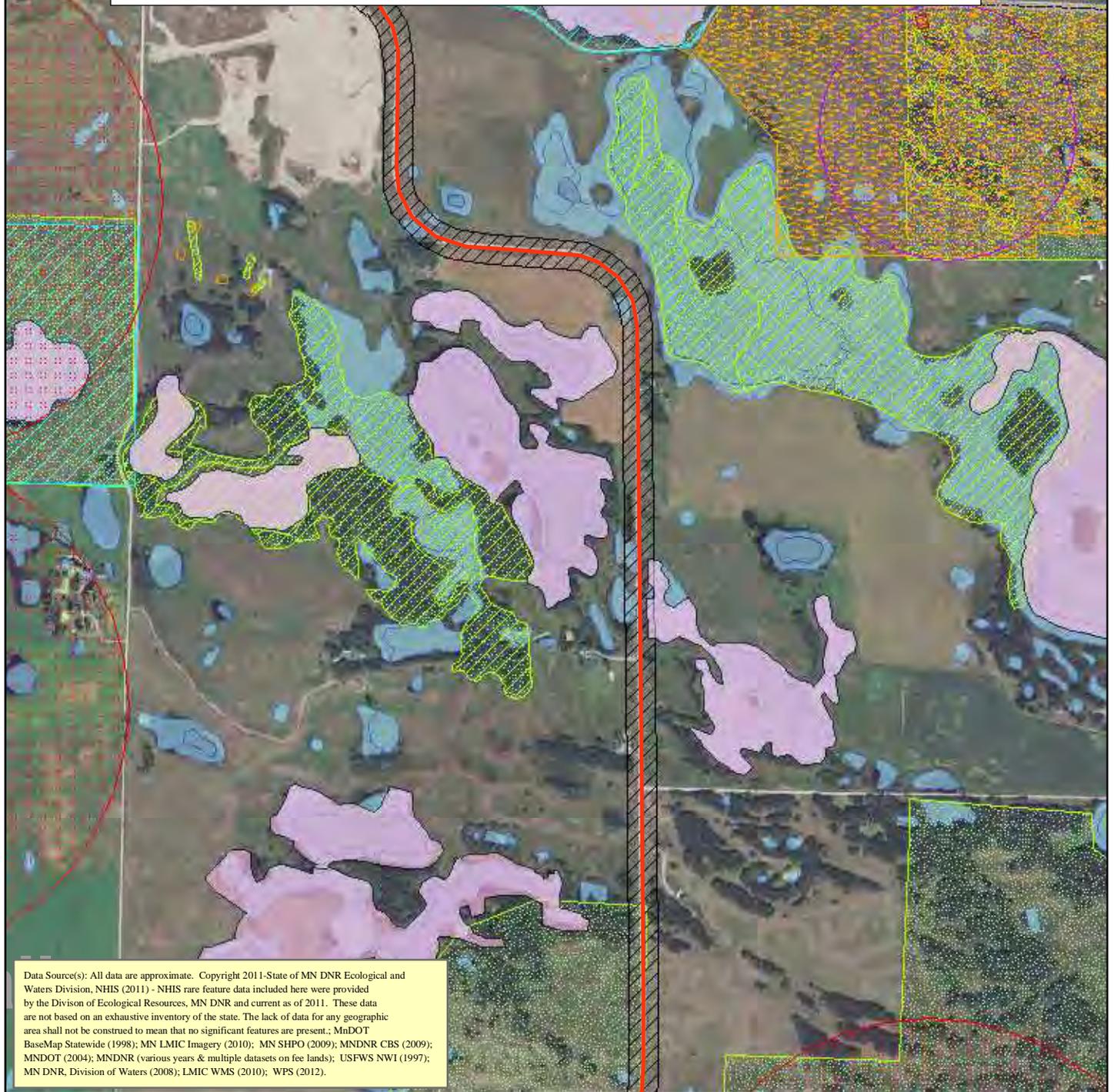
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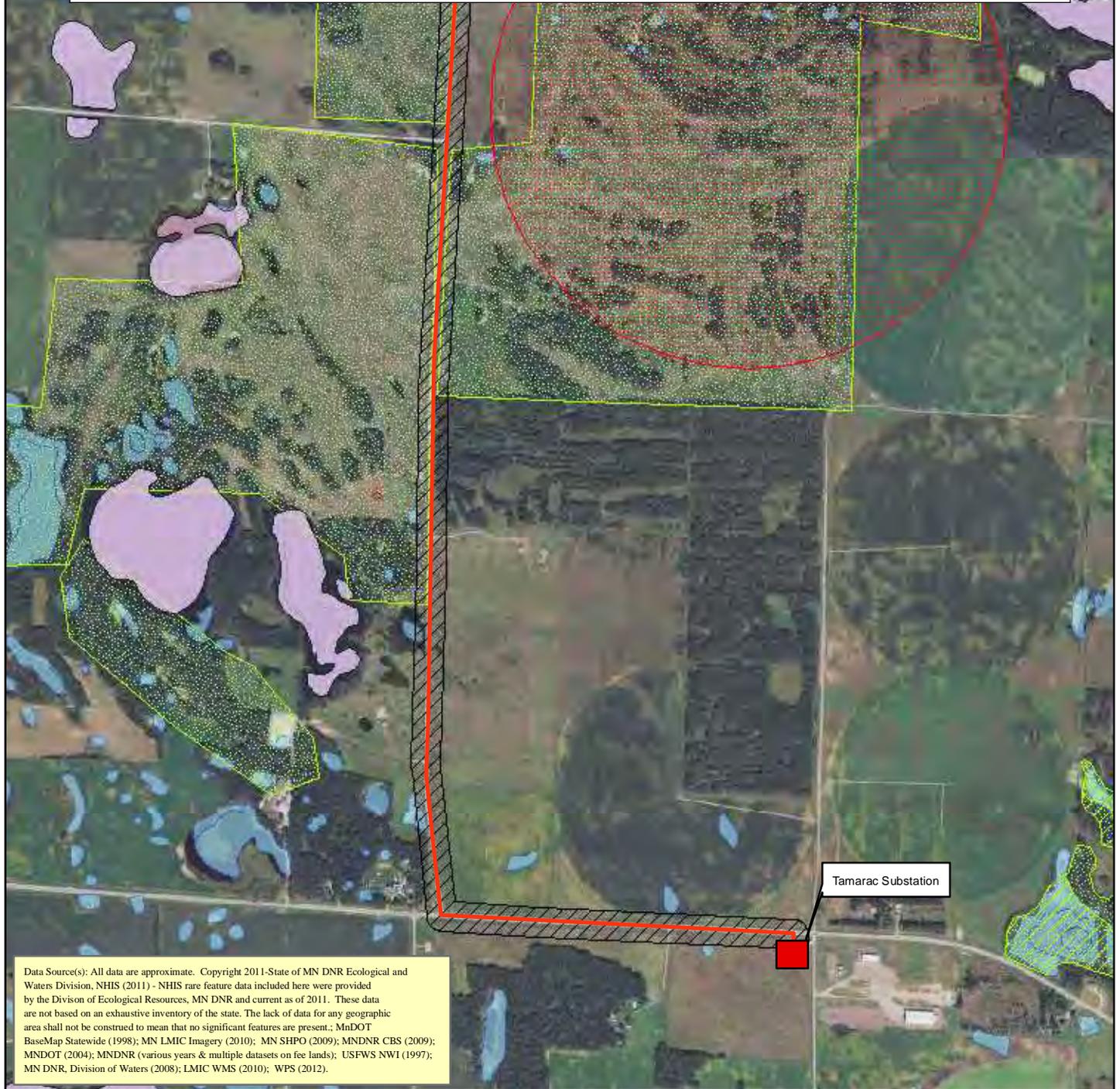
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APPENDIX D
AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

APPENDIX D.1
LIST OF AGENCIES AND LGU'S CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS ON
PROJECT

**Tamarac Line, LLC-115kV Transmission Line
Agency Contact List
December 21, 2011**

Agency	Contact(s)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Leo Grabowski U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Otter Tail and Clay Counties 10867 E. Gull Lake Dr. East Gull Lake, MN 56401 Phone: (218) 829-8402 Email: Leonard.A.Grabowski@usace.army.mil
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (Region 3)	Tony Sullins U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Twin Cities Ecological Services Office 4101 American Boulevard East Bloomington, Minnesota 55425-1665 Phone: (612) 725-3548, ext. 2201 Fax: (612) 725-3609 Email: Tony_Sullins@fws.gov
State	
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	Kelly Gragg-Johnson State Historic Preservation Office Minnesota Historical Society 345 Kellogg Boulevard West St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 Phone: (651) 259-3455 Fax: (651) 282-2374 Email: kelly.graggjohnson@mnhs.org
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR)	Lisa Joyal Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator Natural Heritage Information System 500 Lafayette Road, Box 25 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 Phone: (651) 259-5109 Fax: (651) 296-1811 Email: lisa.joyal@state.mn.us

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Minnesota Department of Transportation	Lee Burget District Engineer Minnesota Department of Transportation 1000 Highway 10 West Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Phone: (218) 846-3603 Fax: (218) 847-1583 Email: Lee.burget@state.mn.us
Local	
Otter Tail County	Larry Krohn Administrator 520 Fir Avenue West Fergus Falls, MN 56537 Phone: (218) 998-8060 lkrohn@co.otter-tail.mn.us
Otter Tail County Land and Resource Department	Bill Kalar Land and Resource Director 540 Fir Avenue West Fergus Falls, MN 56537 Phone: (218) 998-8095 bkalar@co.otter-tail.mn.us

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Otter Tail County Commissioner- District 2	Commissioner Wayne D. Johnson Otter Tail County Commissioners District 2 38992 183 rd Avenue Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 Phone: (218) 863-7500
Otter Tail County Planning Commission District 2	Joe Maske 14833 Lake Olaf Road S. Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 Phone: (218) 863-3386 Ken Erickson 51350 Co Hwy 31 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Phone: (218) 532-3936
West Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District	Brad Mergens, District Manager West Otter Tail SWCD 506 Western Ave Fergus Falls, MN 56537 Phone: (218) 739-1308 Fax: (218) 739-1309 brad.mergens@mn.nacdnet.net
Scambler Township (Otter Tail County)	Dennis Carlblom, Chair/Road Supervisor 48905 Tamarac Drive Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 Phone: (218) 532-2439 Dennis.Carlblom@scablertownship.com

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Clay County Planning and Zoning	Tim Magnusson Planning Director 807 11th Street North Moorhead, MN 56560 Tim.magnusson@co.clay.mn.us Phone: (218) 299-5002 Fax: (218) 299-5195
Clay County Highway Department	Clay County Highway Department 2951 41 1/2 Street South Moorhead, MN 56560 Phone: (218) 299-5099 Fax: (218) 299-7304
Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District	Kevin Kassenborg, District Manager Clay SWCD USDA Service Center 1615 30th Avenue South Moorhead, MN 56560 Phone: (218) 287-2255 Fax: (218) 287-1787
Parke Township (Clay County)	Bruce Bang (Chairman) 10944 280 St. S Hawley, MN 56549

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Becker County Commissioner, District 5	Barry Nelson 12972 County Hwy. 11 Audubon, MN 56511 Phone: 218-439-3275 Email: bknelson_99@yahoo.com
Cormorant Township (Becker County)	Bruce Danielson, Supervisor 14652 Thomas Rd. Lake Park, MN 56554 Phone: (218)-532-2671 cormorantcc@loretel.net

APPENDIX D.2
MNDNR NHIS RESPONSE



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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500 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4025

Phone: (651) 259-5109 E-mail: lisa.joyal@state.mn.us

February 17, 2012

Correspondence # ERDB 20120218

Ms. Kelly Kunst
Westwood Professional Services, Inc.
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Eden Prairie, MN 55344

RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed Lakeswind Transmission Line

County	Township (N)	Range (W)	Section(s)
Otter Tail	137	43	4, 5, 6, 9, 16, 21, & 28
Clay	137	44	1 & 2

Dear Ms. Kunst,

As requested, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System has been queried to determine if any rare species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project. Based on this query, rare features have been documented within the search area (for details, see the enclosed database reports; please visit the Rare Species Guide at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rsg/index.html> for more information on the biology, habitat use, and conservation measures of these rare species). Given the project details that were provided with the data request form, I do not believe the proposed project will negatively affect any known occurrences of these rare features.

- Please note, however, that trumpeter swans (*Cygnus buccinator*), a state-listed threatened species, have been documented in the vicinity of the proposed line just outside the one-mile search radius. These protected birds may be at risk for colliding with or being electrocuted by overhead transmission lines. We recommend the use of bird diverters on overhead lines near lakes and rivers, or other areas that may attract large concentrations of waterfowl. Please contact the DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Nathan Kestner at 218-308-2672, for a regional perspective on the recommended number and locations of bird diverters for this specific line.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area. If additional information becomes available regarding rare features in the vicinity of the project, further review may be necessary.

The enclosed results include an Index Report and a Detailed Report of records in the Rare Features Database, the main database of the NHIS. To control the release of specific location information, which might result in the destruction of a rare feature, both reports are copyrighted.

The Index Report provides rare feature locations only to the nearest section, and may be reprinted, unaltered, in an environmental review document (e.g., EAW or EIS), municipal natural resource plan, or report compiled by your company for the project listed above. If you wish to reproduce the index report for any other purpose, please contact me to request written permission. **The Detailed Report is for your**

personal use only as it may include specific location information that is considered nonpublic data under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0872, subd. 2. If you wish to reprint or publish the Detailed Report for any purpose, please contact me to request written permission.

For environmental review purposes, the Natural Heritage letter and database reports are valid for one year; they are only valid for the project location (noted above) and the project description provided on the NHIS Data Request Form. Please contact me if project details change or if an updated review is needed.

Please note that locations of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), state-listed as special concern, and the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), federally-listed as threatened, are not currently tracked in the NHIS. As such, the Natural Heritage Review does not address these species.

Furthermore, the Natural Heritage Review does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. Instead, it identifies issues regarding known occurrences of rare features and potential effects to these rare features. Additional rare features for which we have no data may be present in the project area, or there may be other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. For these concerns, please contact your DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist (contact information available at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/ereview/erp_regioncontacts.html). Please be aware that additional site assessments or review may be required.

Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources. An invoice will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,



Lisa Joyal
Endangered Species Review Coordinator

enc. Rare Features Database: Index Report
Rare Features Database: Detailed Report
Rare Features Database Reports: An Explanation of Fields

cc: Jamie Schrenzel, DNR
Nathan Kestner, DNR
Jamie MacAlister, EFP

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 Becker, Clay, and Otter Tail Counties

Rare Features Database:

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Vertebrate Animal						
<u>Microtus ochrogaster</u> (Prairie Vole) #66 T137N R43W S6; Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G5	1999-07-29	31810
<u>Microtus ochrogaster</u> (Prairie Vole) #67 T137N R43W S20; Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G5	1999-08-05	31811
<u>Perognathus flavescens</u> (Plains Pocket Mouse) #28 T137N R43W S4; Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G5	1999-08-05	31833
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #584 T138N R43W S29, T138N R43W S32, T138N R43W S33; Becker County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	2001	23966
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #586 T137N R43W S6, T138N R43W S31, T137N R43W S5; Becker, Otter Tail County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	2000	23976
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #587 T137N R43W S8, T137N R43W S6, T137N R43W S7; Otter Tail County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	1998	23977
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #588 T137N R43W S9, T137N R43W S15, T137N R43W S16; Otter Tail County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	1998	23978
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #610 T138N R44W S25, T138N R44W S36, T138N R43W S31; Becker, Clay County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	1999	26178
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #616 T137N R43W S6, T138N R44W S36, T137N R44W S1; Clay, Otter Tail County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	2000	28438
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #618 T137N R43W S7, T137N R44W S12, T137N R44W S1; Clay, Otter Tail County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	2000	28440
<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u> (Greater Prairie-chicken) #747 T138N R43W S31; Becker County	No Status	SPC	S3	G4	2006	33306
Vascular Plant						
<u>Artemisia campestris</u> (Canadian Wormwood) #6 T137N R43W S4, T137N R43W S3, T138N R43W S33; Becker, Otter Tail County	No Status	NON	SNR	G5	1999-08-05	25828

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Vascular Plant						
<u>Botrychium campestre</u> (Prairie Moonwort) #15 T137N R44W S1, T138N R44W S36; Clay County		SPC	S3	G3G4	1988-06-07	8588
<u>Botrychium campestre</u> (Prairie Moonwort) #27 T137N R43W S7, T137N R44W S12, T137N R44W S1; Clay, Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G3G4	1995-05-30	24817
<u>Botrychium campestre</u> (Prairie Moonwort) #49 T137N R43W S4; Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G3G4	2004-06-01	31805
<u>Botrychium campestre</u> (Prairie Moonwort) #54 T138N R43W S32; Becker County		SPC	S3	G3G4	2005-06-03	33118
<u>Botrychium simplex</u> (Least Moonwort) #22 T138N R44W S36; Clay County		SPC	S3	G5	1988-06-07	22897
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #6 T137N R44W S2, T138N R44W S35, T138N R44W S36; Clay County		NON	S4	G4G5	1985-08-31	4161
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #10 T138N R44W S25, T138N R43W S30, T138N R44W S36, T138N R43W S31; Becker, Clay County		NON	S4	G4G5	1988-06-22	9121
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #11 T138N R44W S25, T138N R43W S30, T138N R44W S36, T138N R43W S31; Becker, Clay County		NON	S4	G4G5	1988-06-22	9122
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #12 T138N R43W S29, T138N R43W S31, T138N R43W S30, T138N R43W S32; Becker County		NON	S4	G4G5	1988-06-22	9123
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #14 T138N R43W S32; Becker County		NON	S4	G4G5	1988-06-22	9124
<u>Chamaerhodos nuttallii</u> (Nuttall's Ground-rose) #16 T137N R43W S5, T138N R43W S33, T138N R43W S32, T137N R43W S4; Becker, Otter Tail County		NON	S4	G4G5	1988-06-22	9125
<u>Cirsium hillii</u> (Hill's Thistle) #43 T137N R44W S1, T137N R44W S12; Clay County		SPC	S3	G3	1994-07-27	19810
<u>Cirsium hillii</u> (Hill's Thistle) #44 T137N R44W S2, T137N R44W S12, T137N R44W S1; Clay County		SPC	S3	G3	1994-07-27	19812

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Rare Features Database:

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Vascular Plant						
<u>Gaillardia aristata</u> (Blanket-flower) #27 T137N R43W S4, T137N R43W S3, T138N R43W S33; Becker, Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G5	2004-08-04	25829
<u>Gaillardia aristata</u> (Blanket-flower) #35 T137N R43W S5; Otter Tail County		SPC	S3	G5	2004-08-31	31804
<u>Gaillardia aristata</u> (Blanket-flower) #36 T138N R43W S32; Becker County		SPC	S3	G5	2005-06-22	33117
<u>Helictotrichon hookeri</u> (Oat-grass) #16 T137N R44W S2, T138N R44W S35, T138N R44W S36; Clay County		SPC	S3	G5	1985-08-31	11099
<u>Helictotrichon hookeri</u> (Oat-grass) #17 T137N R44W S1, T138N R44W S36; Clay County		SPC	S3	G5	1985-08-31	11007
Native Plant Community (This may not represent a complete list. Also see MCBS Native Plant Communities at http://deli.dnr.state.mn.us.)						
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Northern) Type</u> #55 T138N R43W S32; Becker County	(NPC Code: UPn12b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1999-09-16	25945
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #49 T138N R44W S36; Clay County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1994-07-29	357
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #85 T137N R44W S2, T137N R44W S1; Clay County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1994-07-27	7854
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #99 T137N R44W S1; Clay County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1994-07-27	21399
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #100 T137N R44W S12, T137N R44W S1; Clay County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1994-07-27	21378
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #116 T137N R43W S4, T138N R43W S33; Becker, Otter Tail County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1999-08-05	25954
<u>Dry Sand - Gravel Prairie (Southern) Type</u> #117 T137N R43W S6, T138N R43W S31, T137N R44W S1; Becker, Clay, Otter Tail County	(NPC Code: UPs13b)	N/A	S2	GNR	1999-08-05	25953

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Rare Features Database:

Element Name and Occurrence Number	Federal Status	MN Status	State Rank	Global Rank	Last Observed Date	EO ID #
Native Plant Community (This may not represent a complete list. Also see MCBS Native Plant Communities at http://deli.dnr.state.mn.us.)						
Mesic Prairie (Southern) Type #414 T137N R44W S1; Clay County		(NPC Code: UPs23a)	N/A	S2	GNR	1994-07-27 21393

Records Printed = 38

Minnesota's endangered species law (*Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.0895) and associated rules (*Minnesota Rules*, part 6212.1800 to 6212.2300 and 6134) prohibit the taking of threatened or endangered species without a permit. For plants, taking includes digging or destroying. For animals, taking includes pursuing, capturing, or killing.

An Explanation of Fields:

Element Name and Occurrence Number: The Element is the name of the rare feature. For plant and animal species records, this field holds the scientific name followed by the common name in parentheses; for all other elements it is solely the element name. Native plant community names correspond to Minnesota's Native Plant Community Classification (Version 2.0). The Occurrence Number, in combination with the Element Name, uniquely identifies each record.

Federal Status: The status of the species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act: LE = endangered; LT = threatened; LE,LT = listed endangered in part of its range, listed threatened in another part of its range; LT,PDL = listed threatened, proposed for delisting; C = candidate for listing. If null or 'No Status,' the species has no federal status.

MN Status: Legal status of plant and animal species under the Minnesota Endangered Species Law: END = endangered; THR = threatened; SPC = special concern; NON = tracked, but no legal status. Native plant communities, geological features, and colonial waterbird nesting sites do not have any legal status under the Endangered Species Law and are represented by a N/A.

State Rank: Rank that best characterizes the relative rarity or endangerment of the taxon or plant community in Minnesota. The ranks do not represent a legal status. They are used by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to set priorities for research, inventory and conservation planning. The state ranks are updated as inventory information becomes available. S1 = Critically imperiled in Minnesota because of extreme rarity or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation from the state. S2 = Imperiled in Minnesota because of rarity or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the state. S3 = Vulnerable in Minnesota either because rare or uncommon, or found in a restricted range, or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation. S4 = Apparently secure in Minnesota, usually widespread. S5 = Demonstrably secure in Minnesota, essentially ineradicable under present conditions. SH = Of historical occurrence in the state, perhaps having not been verified in the past 20 years, but suspected to be still extant. An element would become SH without the 20-year delay if the only known occurrences in the state were destroyed or if it had been extensively and unsuccessfully looked for. SNR = Rank not yet assessed. SU = Unable to rank. SX = Presumed extinct in Minnesota. SNA = Rank not applicable. S#S# = Range Rank: a numeric range rank (e.g., S2S3) is used to indicate the range of uncertainty about the exact status of the element. S#B, S#N = Used only for migratory animals, whereby B refers to the breeding population of the element in Minnesota and N refers to the non-breeding population of the element in Minnesota.

Global Rank: The global (i.e., range-wide) assessment of the relative rarity or imperilment of the species or community. Ranges from G1 (critically imperiled due to extreme rarity on a world-wide basis) to G5 (demonstrably secure, though perhaps rare in parts of its range). Global ranks are determined by NatureServe, an international network of natural heritage programs and conservation data centers.

Last Observed Date: Date that the Element Occurrence was last observed to be extant at the site in format YYYY-MM-DD.

EO ID #: Unique identifier for each Element Occurrence record.

Element Occurrence: An area of land and/or water in which an Element (i.e., a rare species or community) is, or was, present, and which has practical conservation value for the Element as

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evidenced by potential continued (or historical) presence and/or regular recurrence at a given location. Specifications for each species determine whether multiple observations should be considered 1 Element Occurrence or 2, based on minimum separation distance and barriers to movement.

APPENDIX D.3

MNDNR DIVISION OF ECOLOGICAL AND WATER RESOURCES RESPONSE



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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March 5, 2012

Westwood Professional Services

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Phone 952-906-7488

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RE: Tamarac Line, LLC 115kV Environmental Assessment (EA)
DNR Scoping Comments

Dear Mr. Sather,

DNR has received a copy of the project description and map for the Tamarac Line, LLC 115kV Transmission Line which is associated with the recently permitted Lakeswind project. We have reviewed the information provided and offer the following scoping comments.

Potential for avian mortality due to collisions with power lines

DNR's February 17, 2012 Natural Heritage Review (Correspondence #ERDB 20120218) recommended the use of bird diverters on overhead lines near lakes and rivers, or other areas that may attract large concentrations of waterfowl. DNR recommends that EA include an inventory of nearby areas which provide potential waterfowl concentrations and flyways between them. For areas identified we recommend that the EA include a discussion of measures which will be taken to avoid and minimize potential collision mortality. Specific bird diverter locations, type, and spacing should be described. Other avian protection measures such as staff training, monitoring, and reporting should also be described.

Wetland Impacts

An inventory of wetlands, functions provided, potential impacts to wetlands (functions and direct impacts), and measures to avoid and minimize impacts should be included in the EA.

Invasive Species

Many areas of public lands and native plant communities occur nearby. These areas provide habitat for a variety of birds and wildlife which depend on the continued plant biodiversity of those areas. Introduction or spread of invasive plant species negatively impacts biodiversity. DNR recommends that the EA include a description of nearby wildlife habitats and measures which will be taken to minimize the potential for spread or introduction of invasive species into these areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these scoping comments. I look forward to seeing a copy of the EA. Please call me with any questions at 218-308-2672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan Kestner".

Nathan Kestner
Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist – NW
MN DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources

Cc: Shelly Becklund – DNR
Lisa Joyal - DNR

**APPENDIX D.4
MNDOT RESPONSE**



Minnesota Department of Transportation

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January 24, 2012

Ms. Kelly Kunst
Westwood Professional Services
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**SUBJECT: Proposed 115kV Transmission Line & Substation Project
Tamarac Line LLC
Otter Tail & Clay Counties, Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Kunst:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) District 4 Property Management staff has reviewed the available information regarding Tamarac Line LLC's proposed 115kV High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) and Substation Project in Otter Tail & Clay Counties. There is an impact to Mn/DOT right-of-way on Minnesota State Trunk Highway 34 based on the project site map. Although Mn/Dot has no scheduled road or bridge projects in the immediate area, future improvements to the highway may change the proximity of the HVTL to the highway and make the new HVTL line close enough to occupy a portion of the trunk highway right-of-way.

MnDOT's approach to HVTLs such as those involved in the Tamarac Line LLC proposal is to work to accommodate the HVTLs either within or as near as feasible to the trunk highway right-of-way, based on an evaluation of the specific locations to ensure that appropriate clearance is maintained to preserve the safety of the traveling public and highway workers and the effective operation of the highway system now and in the foreseeable future. Mn/DOT has adopted a formal policy and procedures for accommodation of utilities on the highway rights-of-way (Utility Accommodation Policy").

This policy, which we incorporate by reference herein, can be found at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/files/pdf/appendix-b.pdf>. Mn/DOT's policy seeks to permit utilities to occupy portions of the highway rights-of-way where such occupation does not put the safety of the traveling public or highway workers at risk or unduly impair the public's investment in the transportation system. Our Mn/DOT Utility Agreements Office will be involved in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission permitting process.

Highway crossings by utilities generally do not pose insurmountable difficulties in issuing a permit, and MnDOT routinely grants such permits to various types of utilities. These permits usually have conditions associated with them, such as pole placement, so that they do not become a physical obstruction that may be struck by errant vehicles or block the visibility of traffic. MnDOT does not permit utilities to run diagonally across intersections and prefers that crossings occur as close to right angles as possible. MnDOT has a long history of working with utilities such as Tamarac Line LLC to establish appropriate conditions in locations where the utility seeks to cross a trunk highway. It is unclear at this point if the crossings proposed by Tamarac Line LLC meet MnDOT height requirements.

If work is allowed within Mn/DOT right of way for the placement of structures, materials, or access to adjacent properties, please coordinate this through our Property Management office. Our Utility Agreements and Permits website <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/index.html> is helpful in the permitting process.

MnDOT has a continuing interest in working with Utilities to ensure that potential impacts to highways, other transportation systems, and the environmentally significant areas of highway right-of-way are adequately addressed. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and make a request to be kept informed as the project moves forward. I can be reached by email james.utecht@state.mn.us or telephone at (218) 846-7950.

Sincerely,



Jim Utecht
Mn/DOT District 4
Property Management Supervisor

cc: Stacy Kotch Mn/DOT Utility Transmission Route Coordinator
Shiloh Wahl PE, Mn/DOT District 4
Brian Bausman, Mn/DOT District 4 Right of Way Supervisor

APPENDIX D.5
USACE RESPONSE



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
180 FIFTH STREET EAST, SUITE 700
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1678

January 26, 2012

Operations
Regulatory (2012-00195-LAG)

Mr. Kelly Kunst
Westwood Professional Services
7699 Anagram Drive
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344

Dear Mr. Kunst:

We have reviewed the information submitted for the Tamarac Line LLC proposed 115kV transmission line located in Scambler Township in Otter Tail County and Tansem Township in Clay County, Minnesota. You requested our comments on the project with respect to the Corps regulatory jurisdiction.

This response is limited to our regulatory jurisdiction and does not address specific environmental impacts or mitigation.

The project would need a Department of the Army (DOA) permit, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, if the work involves a discharge of dredged or fill material into any water of the United States, including most wetlands. A review of the National Wetland Inventory mapping suggests that there are numerous wetlands in the project area.

The project would need a DOA permit, under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, if the work involves a navigable water of the United States. A preliminary review of the project map indicates that there are no navigable waters of the United States in the project area.

If the project would include any temporary placement of excavated or fill material into a waterbody or wetland, the applicant may also need authorization for that work.

Applications for permit may be addressed to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, 10867 East Gull Lake Dr. NW, Brainerd, Minnesota 56401. If you have any questions, contact Leo Grabowski in our Brainerd office at (218) 829-8402. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,

for Tamara E. Cameron
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Cc: Clay SWCD and Otter Tail Land & Resources

APPENDIX D.6
USFWS RESPONSE

Kelly Kunst

From: Nick_Rowse@fws.gov
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Kelly Kunst
Subject: proposed 115kV transmission line, Otter Tail and Clay Counties, MN

Kelly Kunst
Environmental Scientist
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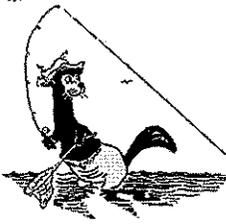
Dear Ms. Kunst,

Our records indicate there are no federally listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat within the action area of the proposed project located in Sections 4, 5, 6, 16, 21 and 28 of T137, R44, Otter Tail County and Sections 1 and 2 of T137, R44 of Clay County. If project plans change, additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, or new species are listed that may be affected by the project, consultation should be reinitiated. This concludes section 7 consultation for proposed construction at the above location. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting our joint responsibilities under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. If you have any further endangered species questions, please contact me at (612) 725-3548 x2210.

Sincerely,

Nick Rowse
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APPENDIX D.7
OTTER TAIL COUNTY RESPONSE



Department of
LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

OTTER TAIL COUNTY

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January 26, 2012

Kelly Kunst
Westwood Professional Services, Inc.
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RE: Proposed 115 KC Transmission Line, Otter Tail County

Dear Ms. Kunst:

As we have discussed, Otter Tail County (OTC) does not have the Countywide Zoning. OTC does, however have a Shoreland Management Ordinance (applicable to property located within 1,000 feet of a lake and/or 300 feet of a river) and a Setback Ordinance (applicable to projects in or near County Roads/Highways). In addition, OTC also is the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) for the MN Wetland Conservation Act (WCA).

Since this is the case, I have reviewed the information you provided in accordance with the aforementioned County Ordinances and State Rule which are administered by our Office. From my review, it appears that your proposed project would be considered exempt.

It should be noted, however that any impact (fill or drain) to a wetland must be minimized in order for the WCA exemption to apply.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me (218-998-8095).

Sincerely,

Bill Kalar
Administrator

CC: Brad Mergens, WOT SWCD, 506 Western Ave N, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Steve Hofstad, BWSR, 1004 Frontier Dr, Fergus Falls, MN 56537