



August 26, 2009

VIA E-FILING

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

RE: Minnesota Power 115 kV Line #28 Local Review Route Permit Application

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. § 216E.05, subd. 3, this letter serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Minnesota Power elected to seek local review approval for the rerouting and reconstruction of approximately 6.5 miles of 115 kV overhead transmission line.

The proposed route for the 115 kV transmission line is located in Itasca County, primarily within the Nashwauk city limits (T56N Ranges 22 W and 23W and T57N Ranges 22W and 23W). A project map is enclosed for your review.

Minnesota Power intends to permit the project through the City of Nashwauk. A Route Permit application for the project was submitted to the city on August 19, 2009. The City of Nashwauk has been informed that it has 60 days to refer the permitting to the Commission.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Bryan Adams, City of Nashwauk, at 218-885-1210, or me at 218-355-3542. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

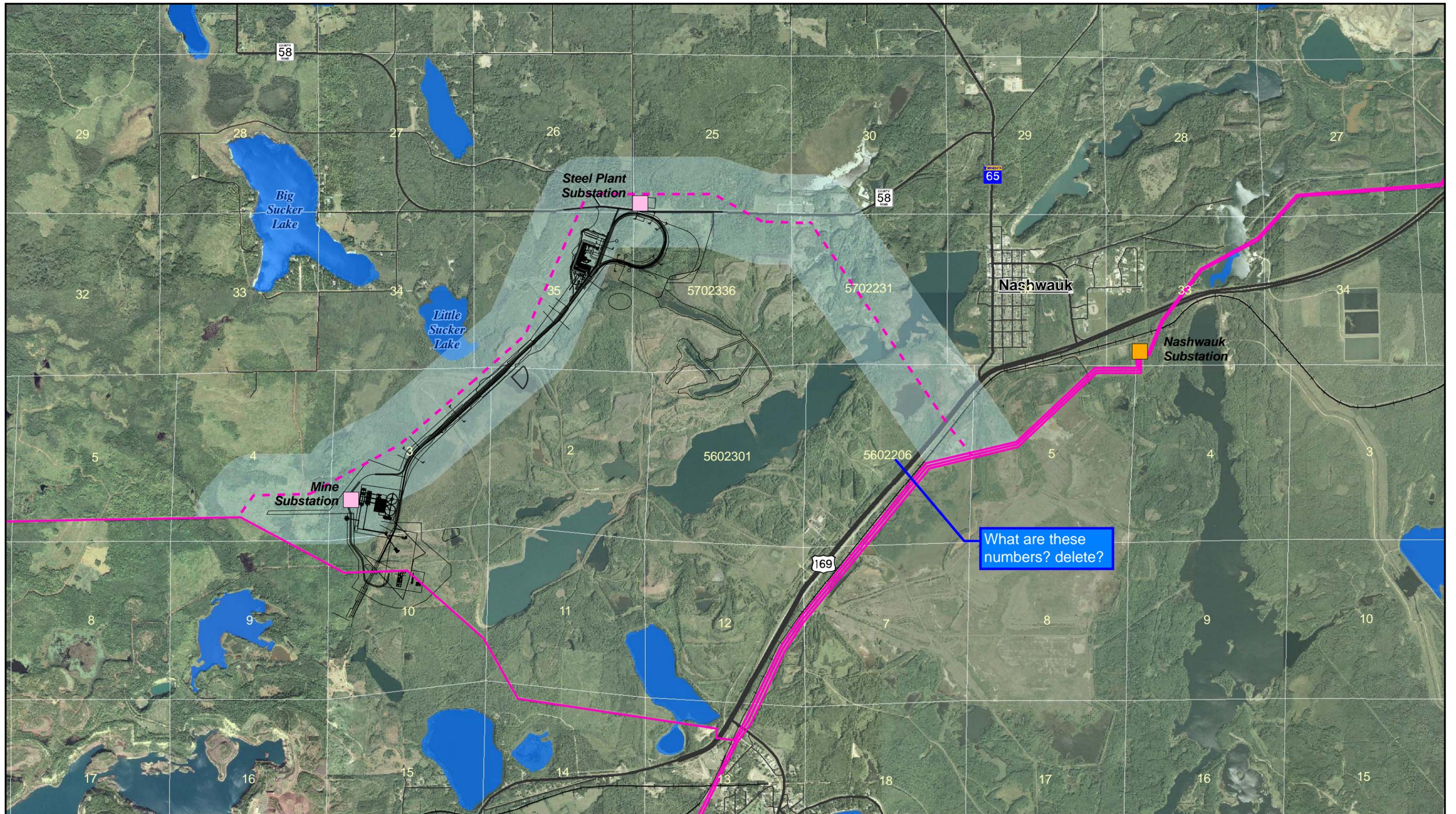
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Bob Lindholm
Manager—Environmental Strategic Initiatives

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cc: General List of Interested Persons—w/encl.
Deborah Pile, Office of Energy Security—w/encl.
Bryan Adams, City of Nashwauk

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- Existing Substation
- Proposed Substation
- Potential 115kV Transmission
- Existing 115 kV Transmission Line
- Potential 115kV Route
- DNR Public Water

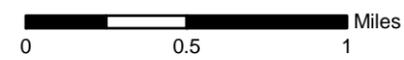


Figure 1 - Project Area
Nashwauk 115 kV Route Application

