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March 15, 2011

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

RE: Worthington Public Utilities: Nobles County 115 kV Transmission Project

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 216E.05, subd. 3, this letter is to provide official notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission that Worthington Public Utilities (WPU) has elected to seek local approval for the construction of a new 115 kV transmission line in Worthington, Minnesota.

The transmission line project includes constructing a new 2.7 mile long line and rebuilding an existing 1.0 mile 69 kV line to 115 kV standards. The lines are located entirely within the limits of Nobles County, Minnesota, with a majority of the line located within the city limits of Worthington. The new line will serve to connect the two existing WPU electric substations, thereby looping the transmission system through WPU's electric facilities. The existing line is being rebuilt to upgrade to 115 kV design. WPU will own both transmission lines. The new facilities are being constructed to improve the reliability of our system. Enclosed is a drawing which shows the planned route of the new line.

After visiting with Ray Kirsch, it is our understanding that the City of Worthington or Nobles County could be the responsible governmental unit (RGU) for this project. The City and County have discussed the project and have agreed that Nobles County will take the lead as the RGU. Therefore, WPU will permit the project through the Nobles County's conditional use permit process.

Questions regarding the conditional use permit or conditional use permit process should be directed to Wayne Smith, Environmental Services Director, Nobles County, at 507-295-5322 and questions regarding the project should be directed to me at 507-372-8687 or shain@worthingtonutilities.com.

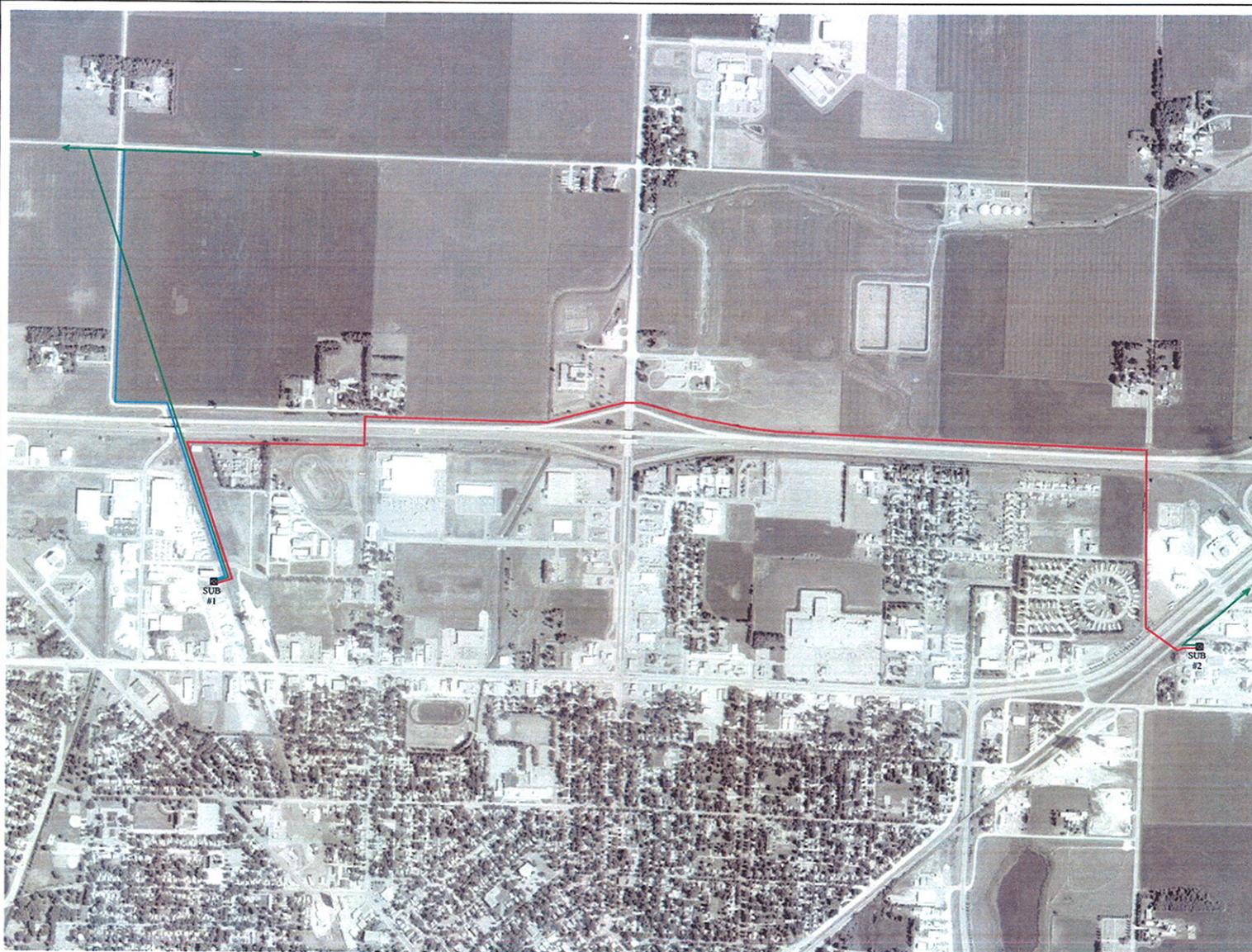
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hain".

Scott Hain,
General Manager

Enclosure

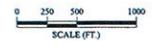
cc: Wayne Smith, Environmental Services Director, Nobles County
Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, City of Worthington



LEGEND

- Proposed Overhead Route, Tie line (2.7 miles)
- Proposed Overhead Route, Sub #1 T-line Upgrade Option (1.0 mile)
- Existing Overhead 69 KV
- Existing Substation

**PRELIMINARY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION**



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATION OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

BY: *Toby W. Metzger*
Toby W. Metzger, P.E.
LICENSE NO. 46371 DATE: 8-15-11

PLAN WITH LEGEND PROP. TIE LINE ROUTE DWG

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DCGR DeWid Grant Rockert & Assoc. Co
Consulting Engineers
Rock Rapids, Iowa

Date: 12-09
Designed By: TWB
Project Manager: CAR
Project Number: 417814

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PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING

DWG NO. 1 OF 1