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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON MINOR ALTERATION APPLICATION

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In the Matter of ITC Midwest LLC's Application for Approval of a Minor Alteration to Rebuild the Heron Lake to Lakefield Junction 161 kV Transmission Line in Jackson County, Minnesota - MPUC Docket No. ET6678/MC-12-898

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 15, 2012, ITC Midwest applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a minor alteration to rebuild the existing 17-mile, 161 kV transmission line from the Heron Lake Substation to the Lakefield Junction Substation in Jackson County, Minnesota.

The alteration, if approved, would reconstruct 11 miles of 161 kilovolt (kV) H-frame transmission line at the same voltage with a single-pole design along the current alignment and within existing right-of-way and reconstruct and relocate six miles of the 161 kV transmission line, including one mile of 161 kV line that bisects the Timber Lake Waterfowl Production Area and co-locate it with a nearby 69 kV transmission line using a single pole to consolidate facilities in the area.

The Permittees maintain that the modifications as proposed constitute a minor alteration. A minor alteration is a change in an existing energy facility that does not result in significant changes in the human or environmental impact of the facility (Minn. Rules 7850.4800).

Comment Period. The Commission will consider initial comments on the minor alteration request if received as provided below by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2012**. Comments are sought on whether the proposed project qualifies as a minor alteration and any conditions that may be appropriate should the project be permitted as a minor alteration.

Comments submitted by the public may be submitted to Publiccomments.PUC@state.mn.us, or addressed to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Parties, agencies and other entities are required to use the Commission eFiling system accessible at www.puc.state.mn.us.

Project Information. Information about this project is available on the Commission's eDockets system at www.puc.state.mn.us by clicking 'Search eDockets' and entering the docket number 12-898. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff, Tricia DeBleeckere, at 651-201-2254 or at tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us.

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