

# APPENDIX A

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE



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August 12, 2008

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

**Re: Notification of Intent to File Application Pursuant to  
Alternative Permitting Process for a Proposed Rebuild of a 69 kV  
Transmission Line to a 115/69 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line and  
One New Substation Near New Ulm, Minnesota**

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7849.5500, Subpart 2, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("NSP-Minnesota") hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") of its intent to submit an application for a route permit for the West New Ulm Substation and Transmission Line Rebuild project ("Project") following the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7849.5500 to 7849.5720.

The Project includes the following components of a 69- kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will be rebuilt within the existing easement to a 115/69 kV double circuit transmission line from the existing Fort Ridgely Substation to the new West New Ulm Substation north and west of New Ulm.

1. One new substation: 115/69 kV West New Ulm Substation and equipment modifications at the existing Fort Ridgely Substation.
2. Approximately 4.25 miles of an existing NSP-Minnesota 69 kV transmission line will be rebuilt to 115/69 kV double circuits from Fort Ridgely Substation to West New Ulm Substation.

NSP-Minnesota plans to file the application in August 2008. We will work with PUC and Department of Commerce Staff to address any comments they have in order to expedite application acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (612) 330-1955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy G. Rogers'.

Timothy G. Rogers  
Permitting Analyst

cc: Jerry Chezik, Xcel  
Pam Rasmussen, Xcel  
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