

Environmental Quality Board

Grant to Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc. of Grand Forks, North Dakota for a Route Permit for a 230-Kilovolt New High Voltage Transmission Line and a New Lund Substation in Lake of the Woods County - EQB Docket No. 05-93-TR-MINNKOTA

The Environmental Quality Board on June 16, 2005, voted to issue a route permit to Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc. for the proposed 230 kV transmission lines and substation to interconnect its existing 230 kV and 69 kV transmission systems between Warroad and International Falls. Construction is expected to start immediately. The Project will be located in Lake of the Woods County in Sections 19 and 30 in Township 160N, Range 30W. The project is located approximately three miles south of Baudette, Minnesota. The permit is for the construction, operation, and maintenance of two parallel 230 kilovolt high voltage transmission lines approximately 2,600 feet in length to connect the new Lund substation to existing Minnkota 230 kV and 69 kV transmission lines. Minnkota proposes to construct approximately 10 H-frame structures (refer to Figures B.6 in the Route Permit application). The average span length will be approximately 600 feet. The height of the proposed structures will be approximately 70 feet. The draft Route Permit includes typical conditions addressing construction, public safety, and electrical standards. These include referencing the Application, the submittal of "as built" plans, identification of a field representative, and addressing the repair of damage caused, site and route cleanup, and handling of any waste generated. In addition the Route Permit includes provisions addressing expansions and modifications, transfer of ownership, applicability of federal and state laws, and severability. The Permit and other information about this project may be reviewed on the EQB Web Site: <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16584> If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact: George Johnson; telephone 651 296-2888 or email george.johnson@state.mn.us