



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Commerce



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**NOTICE OF MINOR ALTERATION APPLICATION
AND COMMENT PERIOD**

**In the Matter of the Application by ITC Midwest, LLC, for a Minor Alteration
to Construct the Faribault Switch Station in Faribault County, Minnesota**

Commission Docket Number: ET6675/MC-11-566

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 10, 2011, ITC Midwest, LLC (ITC) applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a minor alteration to construct the Faribault switch station in Faribault County, Minn. The proposed project includes: (1) constructing a new 161 kilovolt (kV) switch station adjacent to ITC's existing Winnebago Junction – Buffalo Center 161 kV transmission line and (2) relocating and replacing two transmission line structures to accommodate connection with the new station (see attached map). The switch station will provide interconnection for the proposed Big Blue wind farm.

ITC maintains that the project as proposed constitutes 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). Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff, on behalf of the Commission, is providing notice of ITC's application for a minor alteration and associated comment period. At the close of the comment period, the Commission will decide whether to authorize a minor alteration or determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

Comment Period. Comments will be accepted on this application for a minor alteration until 4:30 PM on **August 12, 2011**. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email; please include the docket number (MC-11-566) on all comments. Comments should be submitted to: Ray Kirsch, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; fax: 651-297-7891; email: raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us. Comments are sought on whether the proposed project is a minor alteration, and conditions that may be appropriate should the project be authorized as a minor alteration.

Project Information. Information about this project is available on the Commission's energy facility permitting website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/project.html?Id=32094>, and on the eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>, search on the year "11" and number "566." Additionally, you may contact the EFP state permit manager, Ray Kirsch, phone: 651-296-7588, email: raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us.

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Figure 1. Faribault Switch Station
ITC Midwest – Faribault County, Minnesota

