

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMM

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In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission
Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition
made:

**Accepted the Great River Energy and Xcel Energy 345 kV Transmission Line Route
Permit Application as complete and authorized Office of Energy Security Energy
Facilities Permitting staff to process the application under the full permitting process
in Minnesota Rules 7849.5200 to 7849.5330.**

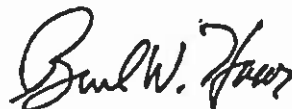
**Authorized Office of Energy Security Energy Facilities Permitting staff to name a
public advisor in this case.**

**Authorized Office of Energy Security Energy Facility Permitting staff to establish an
advisory task force or task forces and develop a structure and charge for them.**

**In a separate Order, the Commission refer the Great River Energy and Xcel Energy
345 kV Transmission Line Route Permit Docket ET2/TL-08-1474 to the Office of
Administrative Hearings for conduct of the Minn. R. 1405 contested case hearing.**

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Office of Energy Security,
as amended above regarding the formation of advisory task forces, which are attached and hereby
incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



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Executive Secretary

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