




STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DATE: June 11, 2010

TO: Service List

FROM: Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary 

DOCKET: ET-2, E-002/CN-06-1115

SUBJECT: In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy, Northern States Power Company (Xcel) and Others (Applicant) for Certificates of Need For the Three CapX 345-kV Transmission Projects

RE: **NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS**

On May 22, 2009 the Commission issued an *Order Granting Certificates of Need With Conditions*, and an *Order Granting and Denying Motions for Reconsideration and Modifying Conditions* on August 9, 2009. Among many other things, these Orders established an in-service date of 2nd Quarter 2013 for the final sections of the Brookings to Hampton 345 kV transmission line.

Take Note that on May 17, 2010 Applicants filed a Notice of a Change in Timing (Notice) for the Brookings to Hampton transmission project. Applicants indicated that due to uncertainty surrounding cost allocation by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), the expected in-service date of the Project will shift to 2015.

Minn. Rules 7849.0400, subp. 2, (H) establishes the procedures by which a notice of change will be considered and determined. The Commission, however, has decided that further comment on this matter may clarify issues and benefit the record upon which to make a decision.

The Commission will provide for additional comments on the merits of the Notice of Change In Timing. Applicant shall file response comments by or on Monday, June 21, 2010. Comments in response to the Applicant's June 21, 2010 filing will be accepted through Friday, July 2, 2010. Comments should be addressed to Burl Haar Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff person Bret Eknes at (651) 201-2236 or e-mail at bret.eknes@state.mn.us.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Margie DeLaHunt, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 11th day of June, 2010 she served the attached

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS.

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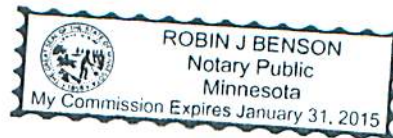
Margie DeLaHunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

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