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Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
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**RE: Comments and Recommendation of the Office of Energy Security Energy
Facility Permitting Staff on a Route Permit (Docket No. E002, ET2/TL-09-246)**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the Comments and Recommendation of the Office of Energy Security Energy
Facility Permitting (EFP) Staff:

**In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Monticello to St. Cloud 345
kV Transmission Line Project**

EFP recommends issuance of a route permit along the Applicants' Preferred Route as modified
within the attached draft permit and route maps.

EFP staff is available to answer questions from the Commission.

Sincerely,

David E. Birkholz
EFP Staff

Attachments