

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for a 230 kV Transmission Line from Bemidji to Grand Rapids, Minnesota

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


Found that the Environmental Report and the record created in this matter adequately addresses the issues identified by the Environmental Report Scoping Decision (March 4, 2009) issued by the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Office of Energy Security.

Found that Minnesota Power, Minnkota Power Cooperative and Otter Tail Power Company (the applicants) have met the statutory and rule criteria for a certificate of need and granted a certificate of need to the applicants for the 230 kV transmission line between the Wilton and Boswell Substations.

Required a compliance filing on final ownership within 60 days.

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce, revised to reflect the applicants' responses. These recommendations and responses are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



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Executive Secretary

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