



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

September 21, 2011

Robert & Pauline Undersander, et al.
8497 Old Highway Road N
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**In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud
345 kV Transmission Line Project: Docket no. E002, ET2/TL-09-1056**

Dear Robert & Pauline Undersander, et. al:

On September 14, 2011, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received petitions for a Route Permit Amendment in the above referenced matter from Undersander, et al. This same group along the route segment "E-5" filed a comment letter to the Commission (eDockets Id 20115-62479-01) noting the same concerns on May 8, 2011, prior to the Commission hearing on the above matter. The Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting Unit's (DOC-EFP) May 27, 2011 *Comments and Recommendations* addressed those concerns beginning at page 16 (eDockets Id 20115-63028-01).

The Commission issued its *Order – Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Issuing an HVTL Route Permit to Xcel Energy and Great River Energy* (eDockets Id 20116-64023-01) based on the report of the Administrative Law Judge and the record as a whole, on June 24, 2011. The period to request reconsideration of that Order was open for twenty days following the issuance of the Order or July 14, 2011.¹

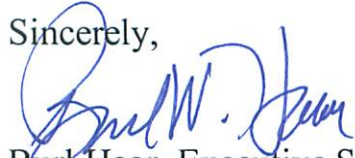
The DOC-EFP believes, and I concur, that the filings do not qualify as Permit Amendment requests, but rather are untimely requests for reconsideration. The arguments presented in the petitions restate the arguments from the petitioners' previous filing. Data on "AS-5," as the petitioners' requested route, was compared to data on the "E-5" segment in the Environmental Impact Statement, which was entered into the record before the ALJ during the contested case hearing, and before the Commission. The ALJ recommended, and the Commission concurred, that the "E-5" segment offered the least environmentally damaging route option.

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Ⓢ ¹ Due to the State Shutdown this date was later extended to August 14, 2011.

No new or relevant information has been introduced in the September 14, 2011, petitions. Instead, the filings reiterate the reasons the petitioners are displeased with the Commission's decision in this matter. Since the period for reconsideration has passed (as of August 14, 2011), the Undersander et. al. petitions of September 14, 2011 are rejected as untimely requests for reconsideration.

Sincerely,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Margie DeLaHunt, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
LETTER TO ROBERT & PAULINE UNDERSANDER, ET AL (RE: THE
APPLICATION FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE FARGO TO ST. CLOUD 345
KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Docket Number **E002,ET2/TL-09-1056**

Dated this **22nd** day of **September, 2011**

/s/ Margie DeLaHunt

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