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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A11-1116

Northern States Power Company  
(d/b/a Xcel Energy), by its Board of  
Directors; et al.,

Respondents,

vs.

Roger A. Aleckson, et al.,

District court respondents,

Robert T. Pudas, et al.,

Petitioners,

Brett R. Hanson, et al.,

Petitioners.

**O R D E R**

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petitions of Robert T. Pudas, et al., and Brett R. Hanson, et al., for further review of the decision of the Court of Appeals be, and the same are, granted. The petitioners shall proceed as the appellants, and briefs shall be served and filed in the quantity, form and within the time limitations contained in Minn. R. Civ. App.

P. 131 and 132. Counsel will be notified at a later date of the time for argument before this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the motion of the NoCapX2020, United Citizens Action Network, and St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church and Cannon Falls Landowners, and the motion of the Minnesota Eminent Domain Institute for leave to serve and file briefs as amici curiae in the above-entitled matter in support of appellants be, and the same are, granted. Said briefs shall be served and filed in accordance with Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 129 and 132. Amici will not be permitted to participate in oral argument.

All amici are reminded that the principle espoused in Rule 37(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States is applicable in this court as well:

*An amicus curiae* brief that brings to the attention of the Court relevant matter not already brought to its attention by the parties may be of considerable help to the Court. *An amicus curiae* brief that does not serve this purpose burdens the Court, and its filing is not favored.

Amici are therefore encouraged to coordinate their efforts to avoid redundant briefing.

Dated: October 16, 2012

BY THE COURT:

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Lorie S. Gildea  
Chief Justice