

APPENDIX G

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION UNDER THE
ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PERMIT PROCESS**



August 18, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
350 Metro Square Building
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Re: *Notification of Intent to File a Route Permit Application for the Duluth Loop Project Pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Process*
MPUC Docket No. E015/TL-21-141

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

In accordance with Minn. R. 7850.2800, subp. 2, Minnesota Power hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) of its intent to submit an application for a Route Permit for the Duluth Loop Reliability Project (“Duluth Loop Project” or “Project”) following the alternative permitting proceedings set forth in Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The Duluth Loop Project includes: (1) construction of about 14 miles of new 115 kV transmission line between the Ridgeview, Haines Road, and Hilltop Substations; (2) construction of a new approximately one-mile extension connecting an existing 230 kV transmission line to the Arrowhead Substation; (3) upgrades to the Ridgeview, Hilltop, Haines Road, and Arrowhead substations; and (4) reconfiguration, rebuild, and upgrade to existing transmission lines and communications infrastructure in the Project area.

Minnesota Power plans to file a combined Certificate of Need and Route Permit application in the fall of 2021. Minnesota Power will work with Commission and Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (“EERA”) staff to address any comments they may have in order to expedite application acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Atkinson
Environmental and Real Estate Manager

cc: Bret Eknes, MPUC
Bill Storm, EERA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINNESOTA POWER FOR A ROUTE PERMIT
FOR THE DULUTH LOOP RELIABILITY
PROJECT

MPUC DOCKET No. E015/TL-21-141

CERTIFICATE OF E-FILING

Theresa A. Senart certifies that on the 18th day of August, 2021, she filed a true and correct copy of Minnesota Power's **Notification of Intent to File a Route Permit Application for the Duluth Loop Project Pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Process** via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us) by uploading the same to Docket No. E015/TL-21-141. Said document is also sent via U.S. Mail to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce as follows:

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