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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Ann O'Reilly  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 64620  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: *In the Matter of the Request by Minnesota Power for a  
Route Permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line*  
MPUC Docket No. E015/TL-14-21  
OAH Case No. 65-2500-31637

Dear Judge O'Reilly:

Minnesota Power has just become aware that the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") has posted on its website letters of concurrence for issuing the Presidential Permit from the United States Department of Defense (available at: <http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/09/f26/PP-398-GNTL%20-%20DOD%20Response%20Letter.pdf>) and the United States Department of State (available at: [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/09/f26/StateConcurrence\\_GNTL.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/09/f26/StateConcurrence_GNTL.pdf)).

Concurrence from these two federal agencies is a requirement before the DOE may issue a Presidential Permit under the DOE's federal regulations and applicable Executive Orders.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Moeller".

David R. Moeller

DRM:  
Attach.



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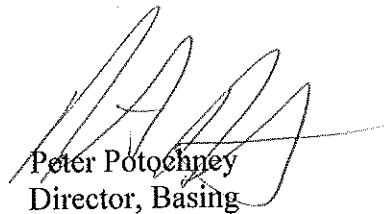
Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This is in response to your June 29, 2015, request for DoD to review and comment on the Minnesota Power proposal to develop the Great Northern Transmission Line ("Project") (OE Docket No. PP-398).

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Presidential Permit application. DoD has no national security concerns with the project crossing the international border and, on that basis, does not object to the issuance of the Presidential Permit to Minnesota Power.

Should the proposed action be amended in a manner that would result in it being sited, constructed, expanded or operated on land or interest in land controlled by DoD, including civil works activities, then a real estate use agreement must be obtained by separate action with the appropriate Military Department.

Sincerely,



Peter Potochney  
Director, Basing

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Energy, Installations and Environment)

July 20, 2015

Christopher Lawrence  
Office of Electricity Delivery &  
Energy Reliability  
U.S. Department of Energy OE-20  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585-0350

REF: Great Northern Transmission Line  
OE Docket No. PP-398  
Presidential Permit

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your Department of Energy letter dated June 29, 2015, requested the Department of State to provide its views on the application filed by Minnesota Power regarding Great Northern Transmission Line with the Department of Energy in Docket No. PP-398. The Department of State has reviewed the materials provided with a particular focus on the foreign policy implications of the application and has no objections to the issuance of the proposed Presidential Permit.

Sincerely,



R. Chris Davy  
Acting Office Director  
Office of Europe, Western Hemisphere and  
Africa  
Bureau of Energy Resources

STATE OF MINNESOTA     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS     )

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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the **11<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2015**, she served the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) letters of concurrence for issuing the Presidential Permit for Docket No. E015/TL-14-21 on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The remaining parties on the attached service list were served as indicated.



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Susan Romans

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## Uploaded Documents Information

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15-09-11 ALJ -DoD.pdf	Public	Letter of Concurrence from Dept of Defense in Support of GNTL

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