

MEMORANDUM

To: Commisisoners Cramer, Clark and Kalk

Fr: Jerry Lein

Da: July 29, 2009

Re: Minnkota Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan, Case No. PU-08-48

Minnkota has filed its tree and shrub replacement plan for Commission approval prior to beginning plantings, as required by the Commission's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications attached to the Order in Case No. PU-08-48.

Exhibit 2 to Minnkota's filing is a tree and shrub inventory identifying a total of 10,039 trees and shrubs removed. The Commission required two for one replacement, making the total to be planted 20,078. Minnkota plans to plant 8,283 this year in locations described in exhibits 3 and 4 to the filing. Minnkota plans to petition the Commission by December 1, 2009 for approval of locations and species for the 11,795 remaining trees/shrubs to plant in 2010.

I recommend the Commission approve the Summer 2009 replacement plan as requested.

JRL.