

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer.
Fr: Jerry Lein
Da: January 18, 2012
Re: Minnkota 345 kV Transmission Line Case No. PU-09-670.

My review of Minnkota's applications for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, corridor modifications and route permit indicates that the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. The application includes a request to modify the designated corridor in five locations where Minnkota's proposed route falls slightly outside of the corridor. I recommend the application be deemed complete, though there are some activities still underway:

1. Cultural Resource Studies: A Class I file search has been completed. A class III study is expected to be completed next week. The class III report is being prepared in three segments reports for two of those are expected to be filed prior to hearing. The remaining segment report and some shovel testing requested by SHPO for some sites is expected to be completed this spring.
2. Wetlands Delineation: Wetlands field work is completed and a report is expected to be filed prior to hearing.
3. Preliminary plan and profile drawings have been provided and finalized structure locations are expected to be filed prior to hearing.

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