

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer.

Fr: Jerry Lein

Da: January 18, 2012

Re: Minnesota Power 230 kV Transmission Line Case No. PU-11-620.

My review of Minnesota Power's applications for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, corridor certificate and route permit indicates that the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. I recommend the application be deemed complete, though there are some activities still underway:

1. Cultural Resource Studies: A Class III file search has been completed and a report is in progress to be filed prior to the hearing..
2. Wetlands Delineation: Wetlands field work is completed and a report is expected to be filed prior to hearing.
3. Finalized structure locations are expected to be filed prior to hearing.

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