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November 13, 2014

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Mr. Jerry Lein
Public Utilities Division
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Subject: Southwest Oliver Transmission Line Project
Final Construction Inspection- November 2014
Case No. PU-11-620

Mr. Lein,

This letter is written in response to the Southwest Oliver Transmission Line Post Construction Report prepared by Wenck Associates, Inc. 301 1st Street NE, Suite 202, Mandan, ND 58554 for Minnesota Power's Southwest Oliver Transmission Line Project (PU-11-620).

The following is an excerpt from the subject inspection report filed to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC) in November 2014, under Section 4.1, Project Specifications Needing Written Verification.

Review Internally, Clarify, Then Request if Needed

- Verification of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code
- Copies of Permits that are not currently on file with the PSC:
 - o NPDES Permit: General Construction Storm Water
 - o Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Tier II Report
 - o Oversize/Overweight Permit
 - o Road Approach/Access Permit
 - o Utility Permit/Risk Management Documents
 - o Utility and Transportation Permits for all affected counties

Minnesota Powers response to each project specification under Section 4.1 "Project Specifications Needing Written Verification" are as follows:

Specification Item:

- Verification of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code

MP Response:

- ✓ The design criteria utilized within Minnesota Power's (MP) PLS-CADD model for this transmission line were formulated to meet or exceed the basic requirements established by the NESC. To ensure the facility was constructed in accordance with the design, and hence the NESC, MP utilized several inspectors and surveyors. In instances where field conditions or

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changes required a deviation from the plan, the change was reviewed for compliance with the design criteria (NESC) by MP and forwarded to the ND PSC for approval.

Specification Item:

- *NPDES Permit: General Construction Storm Water*

MP Response:

- ✓ The Project's North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit is attached.

Specification Item:

- *Road Approach/Access Permit*
- *Utility Permit/Risk Management Documents*
- *Utility and Transportation Permits for all affected counties*
- *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Tier II Report*

MP Response:

- ✓ None of the above mentioned documents were required for construction of the Southwest Oliver Transmission Line Project.

Specification Item:

- *Oversize/Overweight Permit*

MP Response:

- ✓ The ND Highway Patrol Over-height/overweight permits were the responsibility of the transmission structure manufacturer and are outside the scope of the ND PSC Order that requires Minnesota Power to file those permits.

If any additional information is required by the ND PSC please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc. Tom Coughlin
David Moeller
Jim Atkinson
Matt Freudenrich (electronically)



December 9, 2013

North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES)
General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity
NOTICE OF COVERAGE

Permittee(s)

Owner/Operator Daniel McCourtney
Contact: Allete / Minnesota Power
300 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Coverage under the 2009 reissued construction general permit (NDR10-0000) is identified as follows:

Permit ID: **NDR106065** Site Name: **Southwest Oliver 230 kV Transmission Line**

Please remember to update the Stormwater Pollution Prevention (SWPP) plan as appropriate for site conditions. The best management practices (BMPs) and temporary structures must be inspected, maintained and adjusted until the site is stabilized following construction activities. Once the site is stabilized as outlined in the general permit, you may end permit coverage by filing a termination notice. Cities or counties may impose additional requirements and/or specific BMPs for construction affecting their storm drainage system. Please check with the local officials to be sure all local stormwater management considerations are addressed.

Additional Information

The permit conditions, forms and related information may be found on our web site at:

www.ndhealth.gov/wq/Storm/Construction/ConstructionHome.htm

Should you have any questions on the permit, please contact a stormwater staff person listed below.

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