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Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

**RE: Amended Application for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules
Case No. PU-13-103**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

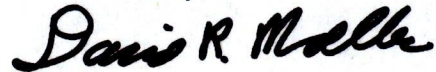
Pursuant to N.D.C.C. §§ 49-22-13(2) and 49-22-07.2, Minnesota Power requests to amend its June 2013 Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and route permit for the 250 kV Direct Current Line Reroute submitted in the above-referenced Docket. N.D.C.C. § 49-22-07.2 provides that the Commission may waive hearings. N.D.C.C. § 49-22-13(2) provides that "[t]he commission shall not be required to hold a public hearing on an application for the transfer of a certificate or a permit, or an application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, but shall publish a notice of opportunity for a public hearing in the official newspaper of each county in which any portion of the facility or the proposed site, corridor, or route is located. If requested by any interested person and good cause has been shown therefor, the commission shall hold a public hearing."

Minnesota Power specifically seeks a waiver from holding a hearing in this Docket unless one is requested in writing after the Commission issues a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Such a procedure is consistent with the Cenex Pipeline reroute in Case No. PU-2242-02-561. A waiver of a hearing is also consistent with the limited scope and impact of this project which impacts only two landowners for which Minnesota Power has obtained voluntary agreement regarding easement options. Minnesota Power is not requesting waiver of any other Commission procedure and commits to providing any information the Commission requires in order to reach a decision whether Minnesota Power can reconstruct and reroute a 0.7 mile long segment of the existing 250 kV Direct Current Line.

The original and ten copies of this waiver application are being filed with the Commission as required by N.D. Admin. Code 69-06-06-01.2.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Moeller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

David R. Moeller

c: Bryan Maslowski, Minnesota Power
Dan McCartney, ALLETE