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Darrell Nitschke
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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**RE: Certification – DC Line Kidder County Structures
Case No. PU-13-103**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Minnesota Power is supplying this notice to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“PSC”) to inform them that Minnesota Power will be performing maintenance and mitigation on a 1.7 mile segment of its 250 kV Direct Current Line (“DC Line”) in Kidder County to resolve clearance issues. Minnesota Power had included this project in its March 5, 2013 Letter of Intent filed in the above-referenced Docket. However, as noted in the June 2013 application, since all construction in this segment will now be completed within 350 feet of either side of the existing centerline - and no exclusion or avoidance areas are affected - a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit are not needed.

At the request of PSC Staff and in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-22-03.3(a)(3), please find enclosed a map and a notarized certification that construction in this segment will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area, as those terms are defined in N.D. Admin Code 69-06-08-02(1) and (2), and that Minnesota Power will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in siting laws and rules and PSC orders previously issued for any part of the DC Line.

The original and ten copies of this certification and map 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,

David R. Moeller

c: Bryan Maslowski, Minnesota Power
Dan McCourtney, ALLETE

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Certification regarding exclusion and avoidance areas



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David Moeller

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT PURSUANT TO N.D.C.C. § 49-22-03(3)(a)(3)

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I, David R. Moeller, Senior Attorney of Minnesota Power, that has authority to make the following certification in these matters, do hereby certify under oath:

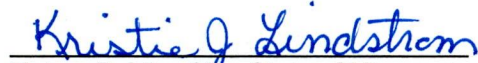
- 1) That construction of 1.7 miles of Minnesota Power's 250 kV Direct Current Line in Kidder County to address clearance issues will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area as defined under the N.D. Administration Code 69-06-08-02 (1) and (2).
- 2) That Minnesota Power will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in applicable North Dakota siting laws and rules and commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

Dated at Duluth, Minnesota, this 17th day of July, 2013

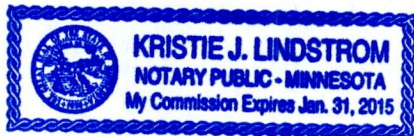


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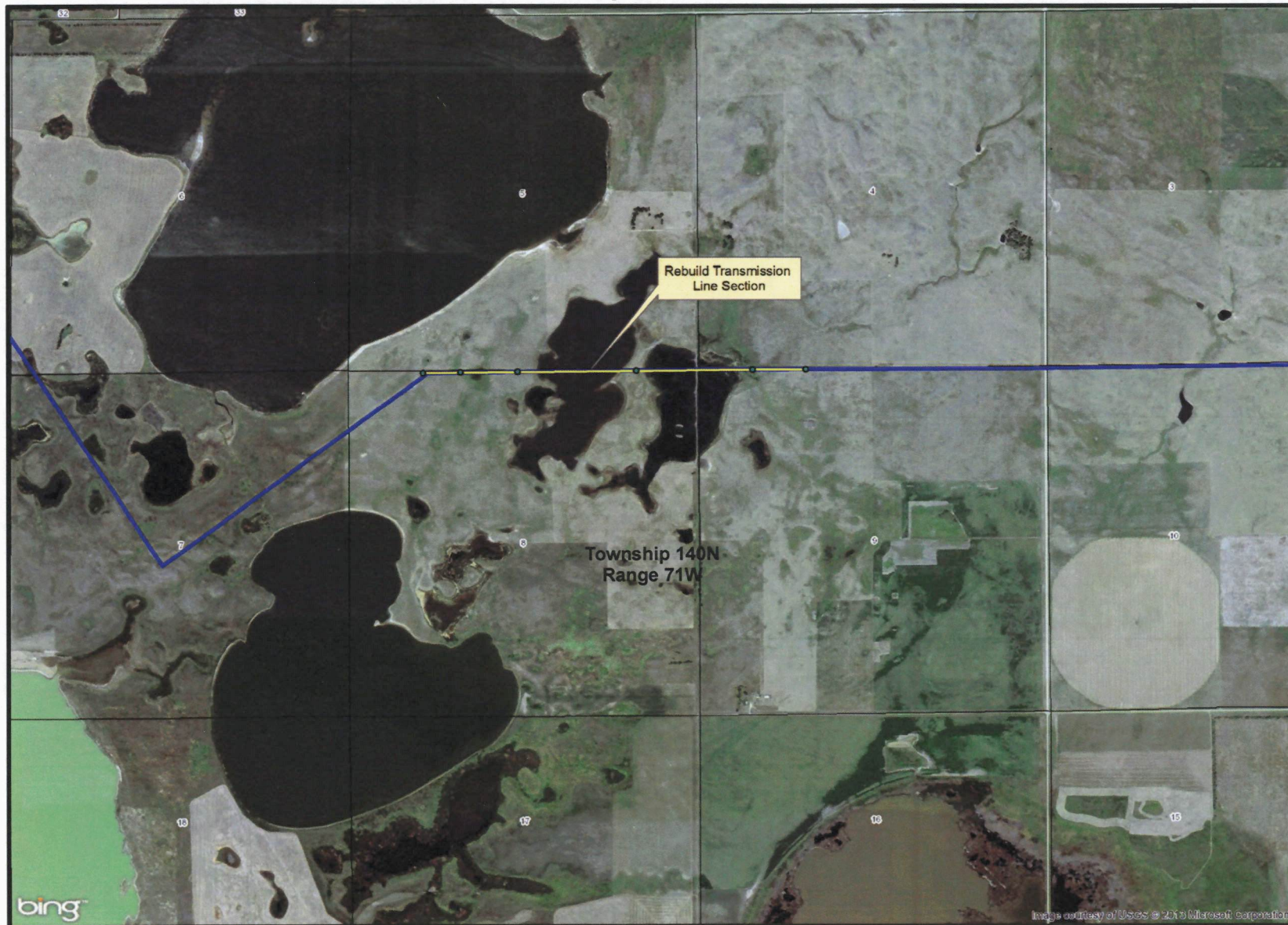
This instrument was acknowledged before me this 17th day of July 2013, by David R. Moeller on behalf of Minnesota Power.


Notary Public of the State of Minnesota

My Commission Expires: January 31, 2015



Minnesota Power- Proposed DC Line Rebuild



Legend

- Rebuild Structure Locations
- DC Line Portion For Rebuild
- Minnesota Power Existing DC Line
- PLSS Sections



0.75 Kilometers



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