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**RE: Case No. PU-13-103: Minnesota Power 250 kVDC Transmission Line Reroute –
Kidder County Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Graves,

Thank you for your July 17, 2013 letter notifying the Commission of Minnesota Power's rerouting of a segment of its 250 kV DC transmission line in Kidder County. Minnesota Power's rebuild of its Center to Mandan 230 kV transmission line. You reported that all construction within this segment will be completed within 350 feet of the existing centerline.

This letter is to acknowledge that Minnesota Power has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that:

- (1) The rebuild activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area as defined under the North Dakota Administrative Code subsections 69-06-08-02(1) and
- (2) 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.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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