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Mr. Darrel Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Minnesota Power's Application for a Corridor Certificate and  
Route Permit - 250 kV Direct Current Line Re-route  
Case No. PU-13-103

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

It has come to Minnesota Power's attention that unauthorized construction has commenced on the 250 kV Direct Current Line Re-route prior to the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") issuing a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit that is currently scheduled for this Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Minnesota Power sincerely apologizes for this mistake and commits to taking all actions necessary to rectify this situation including abiding by all terms and conditions in our September 13, 2013 certification. Upon learning of this mistake, Minnesota Power immediately ceased construction activities and verbally notified Commission Staff on October 7.

Minnesota Power is conducting a full investigation of how this situation occurred. The preliminary analysis has determined that there was a miscommunication between project management and field staff for when construction could begin. As a result, field staff incorrectly believed that upon receiving easement, construction could proceed. Minnesota Power understands that this is not the case and has corrected this misunderstanding to ensure that it will not happen again.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

c: Dan McCourtney, Minnesota Power

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