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### **RE: Case No. PU-13-902: Minnesota Power DC Line Stutsman County Structure Improvements Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Moeller,

Thank you for your December 6, 2013 letter and associated December 26<sup>th</sup> map correction notifying the Commission of two Stutsman County structure improvements along the Center to Duluth 250 kV DC transmission line. You reported that the improvements are needed to resolve clearance issues.

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.

Please notify the Commission when construction is complete and all NESC clearance requirements have been met. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein  
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