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**RE: Case No. PU-14-646: Minnesota Power 250 kV DC Line - Cass County
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Moeller,

Thank you for your July 25, 2014 letter and associated map notifying the Commission of Minnesota Powers maintenance and mitigation on a 0.3 mile segment of its 250 kV DC transmission line in Cass County. 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) That construction of 0.3 miles of Minnesota Power's 250 kV Direct Current Line in Cass County to address clearance issues 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).
- (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.

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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