



HOT CHOCOLATE ANYONE?

FROM LEFT: NOLAN GERVAIS, AEVERY MOUA AND GAVIN FISCHER rehearse their roles in "Hot Chocolate" last week in preparation for upcoming "Bring on the Snow" concert, based on the book Snow Day by Lester Laminack which has students hoping for a snow day from school. Brice Johnson will play Santa, with his elf sidekicks, Kyle Abrahamson and Linkin Hesse, with Brayden Marron as Frosty and Avery Otto as Suzy snowflake. Grades 1-6 will perform holiday favorites such as "Over the River," "Suzy Snowflake," "Frosty," "Silver and Gold," "Happy Holiday" and more. The concert is set for Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Photo / Per Peterson

Public Notice

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(Dates of Pub.: Wed., Nov. 15, 29, 2023)

The Economic Development Authority of the City of Tracy will receive sealed bids at the Office of the Economic Development Authority until 4:30 PM on Friday December 8, 2023, for snow removal at the Tracy Economic Development Authority 4-plexes located at 410 through 440 Orchard Lane and 411 through 441 Orchard Lane. This contract will include front walk surfaces, driveways and the Orchard Lane Street. This service will start on January 1st 2024 and conclude December 31, 2024. This bid will be made for a total price per month and the contract will run through December 31st 2024.

Information on the snow removal service contract can be obtained by contacting the Tracy Economic Development Authority Office at 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, MN.

No bids shall be considered unless sealed and presented to the Tracy Economic Development Authority Office. The Tracy Economic Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Jeff Carpenter
EDA and Community Development Director
City of Tracy
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Tracy, MN 56175
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Snowmobile safety certification available online

The Slayton DriftBreakers Snowmobile Club will be hosting an online snowmobile safety certification course next month.

Step 1: Parents are asked to register their child no later than Dec. 14 with a name, address, phone number and email address with Brad Schweigert (Bschweigert@centurytel.net) or Randy Martin (shetekmarine@yahoo.com).

The fee for the course — at snomobilecourse.com — is \$29.95, and the course must be completed before Dec. 16. Parents, digitally save the online course completion voucher, as there will be no paper to show at Driving Test Day.

The second step will be to compete the review / driving test for a \$5 fee at 9 a.m. on Dec. 16.

The test will be held at Slayton DriftBreaker's Groomer Shed, 1942 Engebretson Ave. in Slayton. Appropriate clothing must be brought to ride.

The final step will be to register students online with the DNR; instructions will be sent with students upon completion of the driving test. Certificates become valid at age 12; those 16 and older need only do septs 1 and 3.

Any questions, call 507-360-8144 or 507-227-9693.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT SCOPING MEETINGS

Issued: November 22, 2023

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed 345 kV Brookings County, Lyon County and Helena County Hampton Second Circuit Project

In the Matter of the Application for a Minor Alteration of the CapX2020 Brookings – Hampton Route Permit to Add the Brookings County – Lyon County and Helena – Hampton Second-Circuit Project

PUC Docket Numbers: E-002/CN-23-200 (Certificate of Need) E-002/TI-08-1474 (Minor Alteration)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold a public information and environmental report scoping meeting on the certificate of need application and application for minor alteration to the route permit issued in docket number 08-1474 filed by Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Great River Energy; Otter Tail Power Company; and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CapX2020 Brookings Owners or Applicants) for their proposed Brookings County – Lyon County and Helena Hampton Second-Circuit Project.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project and the state's certificate of need process and the process being used to obtain route approval through an alteration to an existing route permit for the Brookings County – Hampton 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Original Brookings Line).

<p>In-Person Meeting - Lakeville, MN</p> <p>Date: December 11, 2023</p> <p>Time: 12:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn Lakefield 20800 Kenrick Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044</p> <p>Map: Hhttps://maps.app.goo.gl/dj3GEa2QNWrrd64CA</p>	<p>In-Person Meeting - Marshall, MN</p> <p>Date: December 12, 2023</p> <p>Time: 6:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Everspring Inn & Suites Marshall 1500 College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258</p> <p>Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/tkoDK1ij2cqJs7eVA</p>
<p>Online Meeting (WebEx)</p> <p>Date: December 11, 2023</p> <p>Time: 6:00 pm</p> <p>Webinar No.: 2496 406 7500</p> <p>Call-In Number: 1-855-282-6330 US Toll Free</p> <p>Access Code: 2496 406 7500</p> <p>Password: NHeKtJ3p875 (64358537 from phones and video systems)</p> <p>Online Meeting URL Address: https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m5a1f225722a8317dd8de246716c3dc9</p>	

To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other reasons call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc. If the meeting is canceled, the alternate dates for the in-person meeting is December 13, 2023 in Lakeville from 12:00–2:00 pm & December 14, 2023 in Marshall from 12:00–2:00 pm.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In August 2023, the CapX2020 Brookings Owners submitted applications to the PUC to install separate second 345 kV circuits on double-circuit-capable structures on the Minnesota portion of the Brookings County to Lyon County (Western Segment) and Helena to Hampton Minnesota (Eastern Segment) segments of the Original Brookings Line (see Commission Docket 08-1474). The Lyon County – Helena segment was originally constructed with the second circuit installed. The Western and Eastern Segments of the Project will, collectively, be approximately 98.5 miles long. The Western Segment is approximately 59.5 miles and will require reconfiguring an existing line at the Steep Bank Lake Substation to avoid the second circuit crossing the existing transmission line. This reconfiguration will involve adding one structure outside of the Steep Bank Lake Substation but within the existing right-of-way. The Eastern Segment is approximately 39 miles and will require rerouting around the Chub Lake Substation. The Company will construct two new dead-end structures on foundations on the south side of the Chub Lake Substation to avoid the second circuit having to go over the top of the Chub Lake Substation. The Company will also install eight new poles in the Eastern Segment to maintain the transmission line's low profile near an airport.

The Applicants indicated that the Project is needed to relieve current transmission congestion in this area. The Applicants plan to place the Western Segment in service by September 1, 2024, and the Eastern Segment in service by September 15, 2025.

MEETING INFORMATION

- The meetings start on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- State agency staff members run the meeting.
- PUC and Department of Commerce staff members as well as representatives of Xcel Energy will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- After a brief presentation, the meeting will be open for questions and comments. You may make verbal comments, submit written comments, or both into the record.
- Each meeting will adjourn after everyone at the meeting has had an opportunity to speak.
- The Department of Commerce will use comments received at the meeting and during the comment period to develop the scope of the environmental report.
- If you are joining the meeting online using WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment, raise your hand using the button at the bottom of the screen or press *3 if you are joining by phone. You will be unmuted when it is your turn to speak.
- The WebEx chat function is also available for the online meeting if you are having technical issues and our meeting moderator is available for support. Additional instructions for participating in the WebEx meeting are available at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>.

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered in the environmental report?
- What are the possible methods to address (avoid, minimize, or mitigate) the potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the project, instead of the proposed transmission project? If so, what alternatives to the project should be studied in the environmental report?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed site or the project that should be considered?
- Are there any items missing or mischaracterized in the certificate of need or minor-alteration applications?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comment Period: Written comments accepted through Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Please include the PUC Docket Number(s) (23-200 and/or 08-1474) in all communications.

Online: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

Email: suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Suzanne Steinbauer, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Fax: 651-539-0109

Important: Comments will be made available to the public via the PUC's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

PROCESS INFORMATION

The Commission accepted the Applicants' certificate of need application as complete in October 2023. This means the Applicants submitted all the information required to begin the review process.

The Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff will prepare an environmental report on the project for the Commission. The environmental report analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address or mitigate potential impacts.

After the environmental report is issued, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will hold a public hearing in the project area. You may speak at the hearing, ask questions, and submit written comments about the project.

After the public hearing, the ALJ will prepare and submit a summary of public comments to the PUC. After the ALJ submits the summary of comments, the PUC will review all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings. The PUC's final decisions on the certificate of need and minor alteration for this project are expected by early spring 2024.

This project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243 (certificate of need), Minnesota Rules Chapters 7849 (certificate of need), 4410 (minor alteration), and 7850 (minor alteration). All Minnesota laws and rules are available at revisor.mn.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Filing Requirements. Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants, and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc/edockets, select Go to eDockets and follow the prompts.

Department of Commerce Project Webpage: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/338>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate. Contact eservice.admin@state.mn.us or call 651-201-2246 with the docket number (23-200 and/or 08-1474), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in the dockets via the PUC's website: mn.gov/puc, and select Search eDockets, enter the year "20" (certificate of need) or "08" (minor alteration) and the docket number "200" (certificate of need) or "1474" (minor alteration), and select Search.

Subscribe: Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select Subscribe, or click HERE and follow the prompts.

- Note – subscribing may result in a large number of emails.

PROJECT CONTACTS

Public Utilities Commission Public Advisor:
Jacques Harvieux, jacques.harvieux@state.mn.us or 651-201-2233

Public Utilities Commission Energy Facilities Planner:
Michael Kaluzniak, mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or 651-201-2257

Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager:
Suzanne Steinbauer, suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us or 651-539-1843

Xcel Energy Project Contact: Brookings2ndcircuit@xcelenergy.com or 800-367-7414

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings, please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

To request this document in another format such as large print or audio, call 651-296-0406 (voice). Consumers with a hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.

MINNESOTA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT

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Public Notice

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 (Dates of Pub.: Wed., Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2023)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 14, 2018
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$176,248.00
 MORTGAGOR(S): Adam Chandler, a single man
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage
 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 14, 2018 as Document Number 217253 in the Office of the County Recorder of Lyon County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on May

17, 2022 as Document Number ER13823 in the Office of the County Recorder of Lyon County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Ten (10), Block Six (6), First Addition to Morningside Heights, City of Marshall, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof Lyon County, Minnesota.
 STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 400 HILL ST S, MARSHALL, MN 56258
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Lyon County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$174,466.78

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
 TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 27-541035-0

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412181756385

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been

instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 04, 2024 at 10:00 AM.
 PLACE OF SALE: Lyon County Sheriff's Office, 611 West Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2024.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE

REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 07, 2023
 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
 Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____ /s/

N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
 Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Sung Woo Hong, Esq.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee
 25 Dale Street North
 St. Paul, MN 55102
 (651) 209-9760
 (23-0121-FC02)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TOTAL BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAXES PUBLIC HEARING

All Tracy City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2024 property taxes. The hearing will be held on:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023
 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**TRACY CITY HALL,
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 336 MORGAN STREET, TRACY, MN**

If the discussion of the budget cannot be completed, a time and place for continuing the discussion will be announced at the hearing.

(First Date of Pub.: Wed., Nov. 30, 2023)
 (Dates of Pub.: Wed., Nov. 30, 2023)

ORDINANCE NO. 386

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.40, SUBD. 9 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DEFERRAL OF PAYMENTS OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The City of Tracy does ordain:

The City Council of the City of Tracy hereby amends City Code 4.40, subd. 9, as follows:

"Subd. 9. DEFERMENT OF ASSESSMENTS.

A. ~~Deferral of Assessment Costs. Any System charge that the Tracy City Council approves at the assessment hearing may be levied for but can defer the first installment of any assessment levied until a designated future year, the year to be determined by when direct benefit is realized. At the time a deferred assessment becomes payable, it is divided into a number of installments such that the last installment shall be payable at a time determined by the Council.~~

~~Interest shall accrue during the period of deferment or paid during the period when the assessment becomes~~

payable.

B. ~~Deferral of Special Assessment for Senior Citizens. The Tracy City Council, in accordance with Minnesota State Statutes 435.193 may defer the payment of any assessment for improvement projects defined herein on homestead property owned by a person who is 65 years of age or older for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments.~~

~~The option to defer the payment of special assessments for Senior Citizens shall terminate, and all accounts accumulated plus applicable interest shall become due upon the occurrence of any of the following events:~~

- ~~The death of the owner when there is no spouse who is eligible for Senior Citizen deferment.~~
- ~~The sale, transfer, or subdivision of all or any part of the property.~~
- ~~The loss of homestead status on the property.~~
- ~~Determination by the Tracy City Council for any reason that there would be no hardship to require immediate or partial payment.~~

C. ~~Procedure To Obtain Deferred Assessment. In accordance with Minnesota State Statute 435.193, the homeowner shall make application for deferred payment of special assessments on forms prescribed by the County Auditor of the County in which the homestead is located. Where the deferred assessment is granted, the auditor shall record a notice thereof with the County Recorder said county which shall set forth the amount recorded by the auditor along with and in the same manner as the amount of the assessment.~~

~~Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 435.193, as amended, the City Council may, by resolution, establish standards, guidelines, and procedures for the deferral of payments of special assessments."~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRACY, MINNESOTA THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

APPROVED BY:
 Pam Cooreman, Mayor

ATTESTED
 Jeff Carpenter, City Clerk/Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA TO HAMPTON, MINNESOTA MPUC Docket NO. ET2/TL-08-1474

The existing Brookings County-Hampton transmission line was originally built as single circuit line between Brookings County and Lyon County and Helena and Hampton but was "double-circuit capable," meaning that when regional energy needs dictated, the project owners could request approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to add the second circuit to the existing transmission infrastructure.

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Great River Energy; Otter Tail Power Company; and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (referred to here as CapX2020 Brookings Owners or Applicants) have filed a "minor alteration" request to add the "second circuit" to the portion of the existing 345 kilovolt (kV) Brookings County-Hampton transmission line (referred to here as the Project or Application). This newspaper ad is intended to notify you that the Applicants submitted this Application and to provide information on the Project and the minor-alteration process, as well as how to register your name with the Commission on the Project contact list. Adding your name to the Project contact list will ensure that you receive future notices about the Project.

Project Description and Project Need

The Project is aimed at reducing energy costs by addressing one of the most electrically congested areas in Minnesota. Currently, low-cost energy generated in South Dakota, North Dakota, and southern Minnesota faces congestion when flowing to load centers, like the Twin Cities. When this congestion occurs, the cost of electricity increases either due to congestion charges or because electricity must come from higher-cost generators in areas without transmission constraints, increasing costs to customers. The Project is needed to relieve the current transmission congestion in this area and is expected to increase access to low-cost, carbon-free, renewable energy, provide economic benefits; strengthen the regional grid, support wind generation facilities in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and advance the State's energy policy. Xcel Energy estimates that the Project would provide regional benefits of \$833.86 million in production-cost and other quantifiable economic benefits on a present-value basis over the 63-year life of the Project, as well as reduce carbon-emissions.

The total length of the Project is 98.5 miles in two segments between the Brookings Substation in White, South Dakota and the Lyon County Substation near Marshall, Minn., and the between the Helena Substation in Scott County, Minn., and the Hampton Substation near Hampton, Minn. The Project will require reconfiguring an existing line at the Steep Bank Lake Substation to avoid the second circuit crossing the existing transmission line. This reconfiguration will involve adding one structure outside of the Steep Bank Lake Substation but within the existing right-of-way. The Project will require rerouting around the Chub Lake Substation. The Applicants will construct two new dead-end structures on foundations on the south side of the Chub Lake Substation to avoid the second circuit having to go over the top of the Chub Lake Substation. This modification will take place within existing transmission line or road rights-of-way. The Applicants will also install eight new poles near the eastern end of the Project—again, within the existing right-of-way. These eight new poles will allow the transmission line to maintain a low profile near an airport.

The Applicants do not anticipate the Project having significant human or environmental impacts. Over most of its length, the Project involves the installation of a second circuit on existing structures. The Project will require limited ground-disturbing activity. A map of the Project, as proposed in the Minor Alteration Application, is included with this letter for your review.

Although Minnesota law does not require the Applicants to provide newspaper notice of a proposed minor alteration, the Applicants are nevertheless publishing this notice to facilitate stakeholder participation. This notice is being published in newspapers in counties where the Project will be constructed.

Certificate of Need and Minor Alteration Approval Process

The Applicants cannot construct the Project until the Commission certifies that the Project is needed (Certificate of Need). The Certificate of Need is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243, and Minnesota Rules Chapters 7829 and 7849, specifically Rules 7849.0010 to 7849.0400 and 7849.1000 to 7849.2100. On August 15, 2023, the Applicants filed a Certificate of Need application for the Project. The Certificate of Need application can be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.puc.state.mn.us in Docket No. E002/CN-23-200. In the Certificate of Need proceeding, the Commission will analyze whether the Project is needed to ensure adequate, reliable, and efficient energy supply to the Applicants' customers and the people of Minnesota and neighboring states.

The Commission must also approve a minor alteration to the original route permit before the Project is constructed. The Commission can only approve the minor alteration if the Commission determines that the Project does not result in significant human or environmental impacts. The Commission typically references the factors in Minnesota Rules 7850.4100, to evaluate the significance of the human and environmental impacts. The Commission will allow interested stakeholders at least 10 days to submit comments on the Minor Alteration Application or request that the Application be brought to the Commission for consideration. The Commission must decide within 10 days of the close of the public comment period whether to authorize the minor alteration, bring the matter to the Commission for consideration, or determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a new route permit.

The Commission may approve the minor alteration but impose reasonable conditions on the approval. These conditions may include measures to limit the human and environmental impact of construction and operation of the Project.

Project Mailing List and Contact

To ensure that you remain apprised of the minor alteration process, you may sign up for the contact list. If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list, send an email to eservice.admin@state.mn.us or call 651-201-2246 (1-800-657-3782). If you send an email or leave a phone message, please include: (1) how you would like to receive information (regular mail or email), (2) the docket number (ET2/TL-08-1474), (3) your name, and (4) your complete mailing address or email address. If you have questions about the state regulatory process, you may contact the Minnesota state regulatory staff listed below:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
 Michael Kaluzniak
 121 7th Place East, Suite 350
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
 651.201.2257
 800.657.3782
 Email: mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us
 Website: www.mn.gov/puc/

Minnesota Department of Commerce EERA
 Suzanne Steinhauer
 85 7th Place East, Suite 280
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
 651.539.1843
 800.657.3602
 Email: suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
 Website: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/page/home>

The Minor Alteration Application and additional information regarding the Project can be found by visiting the Project website at: www.Brookings2ndCircuit.com. Questions can be directed to the Project phone number and e-mail address at:
 Phone Number: 800.367.7414
 E-mail address: Brookings2ndcircuit@xcelenergy.com

Project Map

