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VIA U.S. MAIL

Re: Notice of Road Usage for the Northland Reliability Project Segment 2

Dear Recipient:

On February 28, 2025, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) granted Minnesota Power and Great River Energy (collectively, the “Permittees”) a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Northland Reliability Project (or “Project”). Section 5.3.14 of the Route Permit requires the Permittees to “advise the appropriate governing bodies having jurisdiction over all state, county, city, or township roads that will be used during the construction phase of the [Project].” This letter is intended to provide this required notice with respect to Segment 2 of the Project (defined below).

The Project consists of two major segments:

- Segment 1: construction of a new, approximately 140-mile long, double-circuit 345 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line connecting the existing Iron Range Substation, a new Cuyuna Series Compensation Station, and the existing Benton County Substation; and
- Segment 2: replacement of two existing high-voltage transmission lines.
 - Replace an approximately 20-mile 230 kV line with two 345 kV circuits from the Benton County Substation to the new Xcel Energy Big Oaks Substation1 along existing high-voltage transmission right-of-way on double-circuit 345 kV structures; and
 - Replace an approximately 20-mile 345 kV line from the Benton County Substation to the existing Xcel Energy Sherco Substation along existing high-voltage transmission right-of-way using double-circuit 345 kV structures.

Construction Schedule

The Permittees anticipate starting construction of Segment 2 in late summer / early fall 2025. Segment 1 construction is anticipated to commence in 2026, and separate correspondence will be provided to appropriate road authorities regarding Segment 1.

Road Usage

The Permittees and their contractors intend to use the state, county, city, or township roads depicted in the enclosed map book as haul routes during construction of Segment 2 of the Project.

In addition to the haul routes identified on the enclosed map book, there will be incidental use of other roads under your jurisdiction by Project staff traveling to / from construction activities.

Field Representatives

Below are the Field Representatives for the Project. These Field Representatives are responsible for overseeing compliance with the conditions of the Route Permit during construction. Please contact these Field Representatives if you have any concerns.

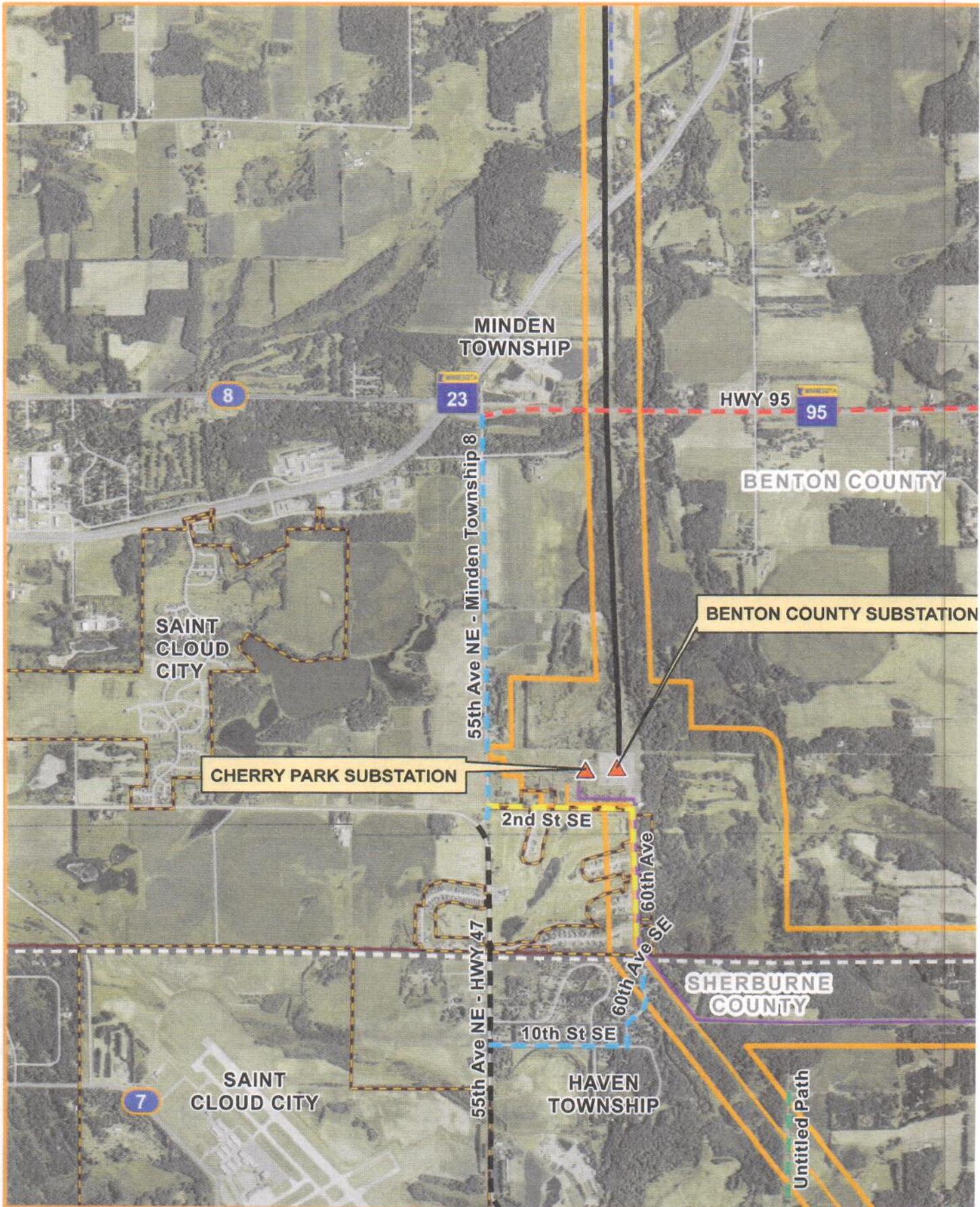
<i>Field Representative for Transmission Line and Benton County Substation Construction:</i> Matt Bungum 12300 Elm Creek Blvd. N. Maple Grove, MN 55369 Cell: 612-358-5525 Email: mbungum@greenergy.com	<i>Field Representative for Cuyuna Series Compensation Station and Iron Range Substation:</i> Kyle Larson 30 W. Superior St. Duluth, MN 55802 Cell: 218-591-9451 Email: kplarson@mnpower.com
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If you have any other questions about this Project, please contact either Zach Golkowski at zgolkowski@mnpower.com or 218-355-3366 or Brian Hunker at 763-445-5982 or BHunker@GREnergy.com. Thank you for your cooperation and patience, they are greatly appreciated as we work through the various stages of construction and operation of this Project.

Sincerely,

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Northland Reliability Project



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