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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Minnkota Power – MPL Laporte 115 kV HVTL Project – Clearwater and Hubbard Counties, MN
Compliance Filing #9, Permit Section 9.2: Periodic status reports
Compliance Filing #13, Complaint reports
Docket No. ET-6/TL-16-327

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On June 21, 2017, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued the Order granting Minnkota Power (“Permittee”) a Route Permit for the MPL Laporte 115 kV HVTL Project (“Project”) in Clearwater and Hubbard Counties. This Project includes construction of approximately 9.4 miles of new overhead 115 kV transmission line and construction of the new Laporte MPL Substation. On July 11, 2017, a petition for reconsideration was filed with the Commission, resulting in a stay of the order. Upon taking up that reconsideration during the August 10, 2017 Commission meeting, the Commission denied the reconsideration. An order was issued August 11, 2017, denying the reconsideration, thereby restoring the previous order granting the route permit.

Minnkota is filing the following documents per Permit Section 9.2 of the Route Permit and Complaint Handling Procedures of the Route Permit to satisfy the above referenced compliance filings:

- 1) Periodic status reports and complaint reports: January 2018

If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to give me a call at 701-795-4332.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Bushy".

Jay Bushy, PE
Project Manager

**MPL Laporte 115 kV HVTL Project
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Periodic Status Report and Complaint Report

January 2018

Periodic Status Report

MPL Laporte 115 kV Transmission Line:

The transmission line is complete and was energized on December 14, 2017.

Condemnation Report:

Minnkota initiated a condemnation proceeding against Scott Seeger in Hubbard County District Court. On October 19, Judge Paul Rasmussen granted Minnkota's Petition for quick take and Minnkota was granted an easement on Mr. Seeger's land. A hearing was held with the condemnation commissioners in Park Rapids, MN on January 8-9, 2018. The commissioners have yet to make a decision in the matter.

Laporte MPL Substation:

The substation is complete and was energized on December 19, 2017.

Complaint Report

No complaints were received.