



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

February 27, 2007

TO: Service List

FROM: Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Notice of Comment Periods; Xcel Energy's Request for Exemption
In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy, Northern States Power
Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) and Others for a Certificate of Need for the CapX
345-kV Transmission Project, Docket No. ET-2, E-002, *et al.*/CN-06-1115

**NOTICE OF REVISED COMMENT PERIODS
ON XCEL ENERGY'S EXEMPTION REQUEST**

On February 5, 2007, Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) filed a request for exemption from certain application content requirements. Certificate of need application requirements for transmission facilities are given by Minn. Rules, parts 7849.0220, 7849.0240, and 7849.0260 to 7849.0340.

Exemption requests are allowed by and handled in accordance with Minn. Rules, part 7849.0200, subp. 6.

Because of numerous requests, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is revising the comments periods. The Commission now will accept written comments on Xcel Energy's request for exemption through **Monday, March 19, 2007**. Replies to those comments will be accepted through **Monday, April 9, 2007**.

As indicated in the earlier notice, staff is proposing that the Commission extend the 30-day period for acting on the request for exemption. The Commission will consider staff's proposed extension of the 30-day period for acting on Xcel Energy's request at the energy agenda meeting of March 1, 2007.

Questions regarding these matter may be directed to Commission staff person David Jacobson at (651) 201-2238 or Bret Eknes at (651) 201-2236.

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