



**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Office of Energy Security



Issued: May 19, 2009

**NOTICE OF PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUEST**

**In the Matter of the Xcel Energy Application for a Route Permit for the Chisago County to Apple River 115/161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project, Wherein the City of Taylors Falls has Made a Request for a Permit Amendment**

**PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-06-1677**

In a letter on May 11, 2009, the city of Taylors Falls has requested an amendment to the original permit issued in the above matter, pursuant to Minn. Rule 7849.5990.

At a meeting on January 24, 2008, and in an Order issued February 20, 2008, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Commission also designated and issued an HVTL route permit for the Chisago Transmission Project authorizing Xcel Energy, in relevant part, to replace the 69 kV transmission line with a new 161 kV transmission line between the Lawrence Creek Substation and the St. Croix River crossing in Taylors Falls.

Information on the issued Route Permit and conditions can be viewed at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18938>

The proposed amendment and argument is per the city's efiled document:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20095-37411-01>

The permit amendment request is scheduled to be heard at the Commission's June 11, 2009, Agenda Meeting. The Commission is providing until June 02, 2009, for interested persons to comment on the issue. Please submit comments to be received before 4:30 p.m. on that date to:

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If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact Mr. Birkholz at 651.296.2878 or [david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us).

## **7849.5990 AMENDMENT OF PERMIT CONDITIONS.**

### Subpart 1.

#### **Authority.**

The commission may amend any of the conditions in a site permit for a large electric power generating plant or in a route permit for a high voltage transmission line issued by the PUC upon request of any person.

### Subp. 2.

#### **Process.**

The person requesting an amendment of a condition in a site permit or a route permit shall submit an application to the commission in writing describing the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment. The commission shall mail notice of receipt of the application to those persons on the general list and to those persons on the project list if such a list exists. The commission shall provide at least a ten-day period for interested persons to submit comments on the application or to request that the matter be brought to the commission for consideration.

### Subp. 3.

#### **Decision.**

The commission shall decide within ten days after close of the public comment period whether to approve the amendment request or to bring the matter to the commission for consideration. The commission shall notify the applicant in writing of the commission's decision and send a copy of the decision to any person who requested notification or filed comments on the application.