

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of
Northern States Power Company d/b/a
Xcel Energy for Certificates of Need for
Four Large High Voltage Transmission
Line Projects in Southwestern Minnesota

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

The following Petitions to Intervene in this proceeding were filed with the
Administrative Law Judge:

1. Sierra Club
2. Public Intervenors Network
3. American Wind Energy Association

No objection was filed to any of the Petitions. Each has met the criteria
set forth in Minn. R. 1400.6200. A Notice of Appearance has been filed by the
Izaak Walton League.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Sierra Club, Public Intervenors Network and American Wind
Energy Association Petitions to Intervene as parties are GRANTED.
2. The Master Service List shall be amended to reflect the additional
Intervenors and the Notice of Appearance filed by the Izaak Walton League. A
corrected version is attached hereto.
3. A copy of the Prehearing Order issued on March 6, 2002 shall be
sent to each of the new Intervenors and to the Izaak Walton League.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.


BEVERLY JONES HEYDINGER
Administrative Law Judge