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REF: Great Northern Transmission Line
OE Docket No. PP-398
Presidential Permit

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your Department of Energy letter dated June 29, 2015, requested the Department of State to provide its views on the application filed by Minnesota Power regarding Great Northern Transmission Line with the Department of Energy in Docket No. PP-398. The Department of State has reviewed the materials provided with a particular focus on the foreign policy implications of the application and has no objections to the issuance of the proposed Presidential Permit.

Sincerely,



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