

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 3, 2011**, with Commissioners Boyd, O'Brien, Reha and Wergin present.

The following matter was taken up by the Commission:

## **ENERGY AGENDA**

**ET-2/TL-08-1472**

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota**

Commissioner Wergin moved that the Commission:

1. Find that the Environmental Impact Statement meets the requirements of Minnesota Rules 7850.1500, subpart 10, for the remanded portion of the route (Segment 4) in that it:
  - A. addresses the issues and alternatives raised in scoping to a reasonable extent considering the availability of information and the time limitations for considering the permit application;
  - B. provides responses to the timely substantive comments received during the draft environmental impact statement review process; and
  - C. was prepared in compliance with the procedures in parts 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.
2. Approve and adopt the EFP staff recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations for the remanded portion of the Great River Energy and Xcel Energy 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota.
3. Issue an Order amending the permit to include a description of Segment 4 and official route maps for Administration Law Judge's recommended route 2.A.(1a) described as:

The Alternate Route utilizing the Gibbon Crossover Route, with an aerial crossing of the Minnesota River at Belle Plaine.

The motion passed, 4 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: FEBRUARY 16, 2011**



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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**