November 11, 2026

VIA E-FILING

Brian Johnson
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave
Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505
Via email to ndpsc@nd.gov

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for a High Voltage Transmission Line for the HVDC Modernization Project in Center, ND.*
Case No. PU-24-381

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In compliance with Provision 10 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions attached and incorporated into the Order issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on June 4, 2025, to Minnesota Power (MP) for the above captioned transmission facility, MP is providing a monthly update on construction activities for the month of October 2026.

Please feel free to contact me at 218-355-3515 if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel McCourtney
Manager-
Strategic Environmental Initiatives
ALLETE/Minnesota Power

Attach.

cc: Adam Renfandt (via e-mail)
Dalton Bruce (via e-mail)

HVDC Modernization Project
Case No. PU-24-381
Monthly Update on Construction Activities
Provision 10
October 2026

Transmission Line Activities

- Construction on Transmission line has not yet begun.

Converter & Substation Activities

- East Oliver HVDC Converter Station:
  - 2026 construction continues.
    - Stormwater BMP maintenance.
    - Below grade work continues.
- East Oliver 345 Yard:
  - Stormwater BMP installation.
  - Equipment and personnel mobilization underway.
  - Civil construction has begun.
- Nelson Lake Substation:
  - Civil construction of the access road underway.
  - Civil construction of the Nelson Lake substation underway.
  - Stormwater BMP installation and maintenance continues.

Photo 1: East Oliver HVDC Converter Station Civil Work as of 10/14/26



Photo 2: East Oliver 345 Yard as of 10/14/26



Photo 3: Nelson Lake Substation as of 10/14/26

