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MINNESOTA POWER COMMENDS PSCW ARROWHEAD-WESTON POWER LINE APPROVAL

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Minnesota Power strongly supports today's approval of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW). The new line will enhance regional electric reliability by adding needed power delivery capability in one of the most congested transmission corridors in the country.

Adequate transmission capacity helps to ensure the reliable and economic supply of electric energy to residents and businesses and the overall security of the power grid. While the demand for energy and reliability has increased, the construction of new transmission lines has not kept pace. The Arrowhead-Weston line will be an important reliability link for Minnesota and Wisconsin customers.

The 220 mile 345–kilovolt line between Duluth, Minnesota and Wausau, Wisconsin will be constructed, owned and operated by the American Transmission Company.

The American Transmission Company is planning a brief joint media visit with Minnesota Power in Duluth the evening of December 15.