

**APPENDIX F**

**90-DAY PRE-APPLICATION LETTER TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT  
AND AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**



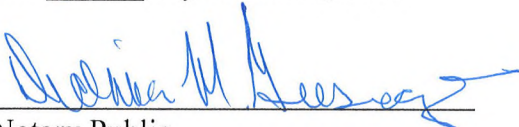
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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

I, Jill N. Yeaman, hereby certify that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021, I directed to be sent via U.S. Mail a true and a correct copy of the 90-Day Pre-Application LGU Notice Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** to all Local Government Units on the mailing list attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

  
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Jill N. Yeaman

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public





March 2, 2021

VIA U.S. MAIL

**Re: Notice of Availability for Meeting; Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3**

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Duluth Loop Reliability Project.*

MPUC Docket No. E015/CN-21-140

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Duluth Loop Reliability Project.*

MPUC Docket No. E015/TL-21-141

Dear Local Government Official,

Minnesota Power (also the “Company”) is proposing to construct a new transmission line project known as the Duluth Loop Reliability Project (also the “Duluth Loop Project” or “Project”). The Duluth Loop Project includes the construction of (1) a new 115 kV transmission line connecting the existing Hilltop Substation, located in southwest Duluth, and the Ridgeview Substation, located in the northeast portion of Duluth; (2) an approximately one-mile long extension of the existing Hilltop 230 kV Tap to the Arrowhead Substation; (3) expansion and transmission line reconfigurations at the existing Hilltop and Ridgeview substations; and (4) associated upgrades at the existing Haines Road and Arrowhead substations. The Project is needed to enhance the reliability of the electrical system in Duluth and North Shore by adding additional transmission to the area. The Project will replace the grid stability that was once provided by local coal-fired generation.

Two approvals must be obtained from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) before high voltage transmission lines like the proposed Project can be built: a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit. In the Certificate of Need proceeding, the Commission determines whether a proposed transmission line project is needed and the appropriate size, configuration, and timing. If the Commission determines that the Project is needed, the Commission will then determine the route for the proposed transmission lines. There are multiple opportunities for public and stakeholder input in these proceedings. Minnesota Power plans to submit a joint application for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit to the Commission in the summer of 2021.

Minnesota Power is currently developing potential routes for the Project. A map of the areas under consideration for the proposed Project is attached to this letter as **Figure 1**.

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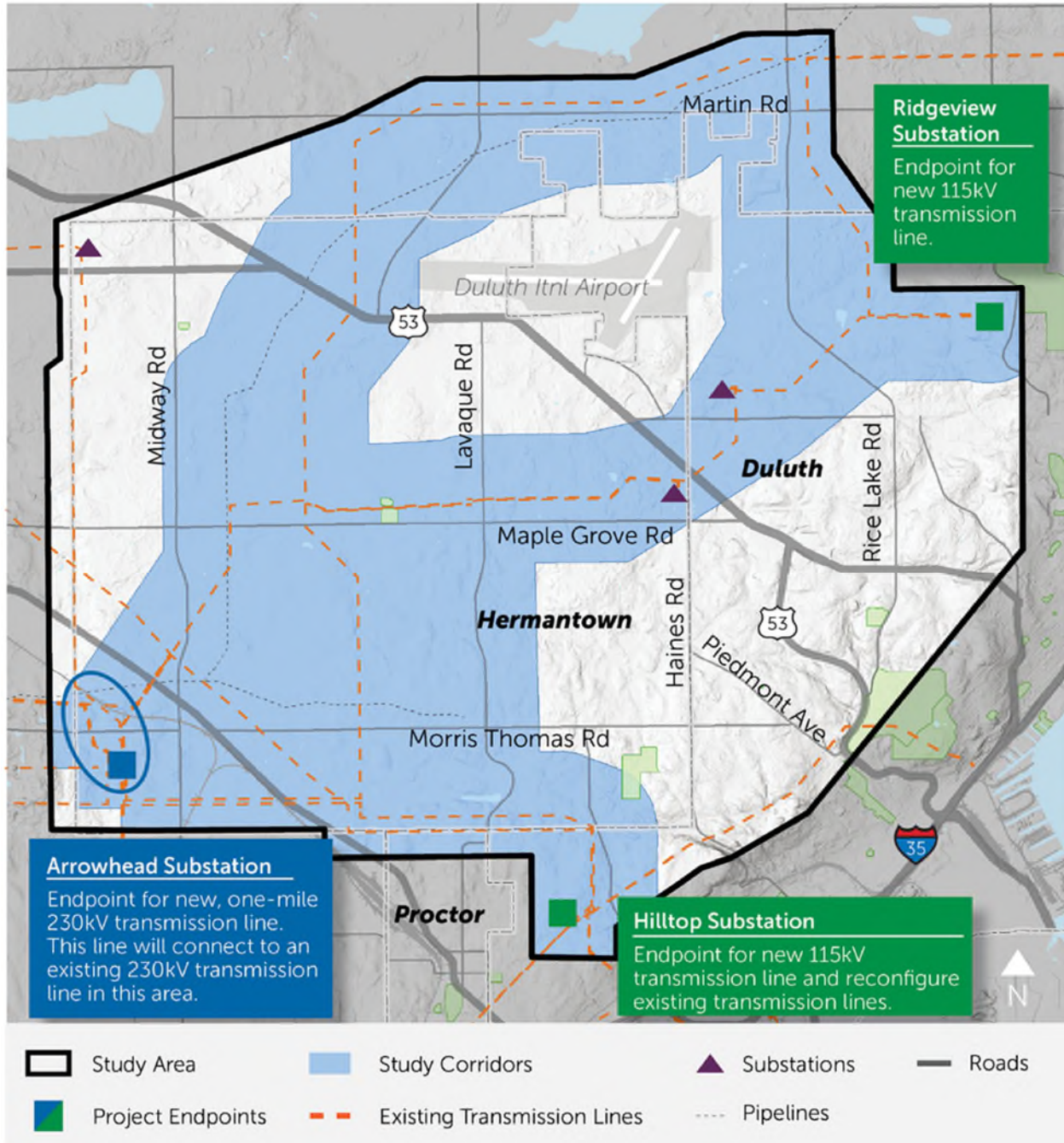
Minnesota Power has begun gathering stakeholder, agency, tribal, and public input on possible route alternatives through meetings, virtual chats, and virtual open house. Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 3b provides local units of government the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Project prior to the submission of an application to the Commission. If you would like to request a meeting, please contact me at (218)343-9119 or [ibatkinson@allete.com](mailto:ibatkinson@allete.com). I am happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project. Additional information about the Project can also be found on the Project's website at: [www.duluthloop.com](http://www.duluthloop.com).

Sincerely,



Jim Atkinson  
Environmental and Real Estate Manager  
Minnesota Power

**Figure 1:  
Duluth Loop Reliability Project**



**EXHIBIT 2**

NAME	TITLE	LGU	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Kevin Cornick	Chair of Township Board, Chair of the Duluth International Airport Joint Airport Zoning Board	Canosia Township	4896 Midway Road	Duluth	MN	55811
Susan Krasaway	Township Clerk	Canosia Township	4896 Midway Road	Duluth	MN	55811
Adam Fulton	Planning/Zoning	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802
Chelsea Helmer	City Clerk	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802
Chris Fleege	Economic Development Director	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802
Emily Larson	Mayor	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802
Noah Schuchman	City Administrator	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802
Bonnie Engseth	City Clerk	City of Hermantown	5105 Maple Grove Road	Hermantown	MN	55811
John Mulder	City Manager / Administrator	City of Hermantown	5105 Maple Grove Road	Hermantown	MN	55811
Wayne Boucher	Mayor	City of Hermantown	5105 Maple Grove Road	Hermantown	MN	55811
Chad Ward	Mayor	City of Proctor	100 Pionk Drive	Proctor	MN	55810
Char Jones	Utility Operations Manager	City of Proctor	100 Pionk Drive	Proctor	MN	55810
Jessica Rich	City Administrator	City of Proctor	100 Pionk Drive	Proctor	MN	55810
John Werner	Mayor	City of Rice Lake	4107 W Beyer Road	Duluth	MN	55803
Robin Murphy	City Clerk	City of Rice Lake	4107 W Beyer Road	Duluth	MN	55803
Teresa Koivula	City Zoning Administrator	City of Rice Lake	4107 W Beyer Road	Duluth	MN	55803
Toni Blomdahl	City Clerk/Treasurer	City of Rice Lake	4107 W Beyer Road	Duluth	MN	55803
Duayne Anderson	Board Chairman	Grand Lake Township	1023 Twig Blvd	Saginaw	MN	55779
LeeAnn Vanderscheuren	Town Clerk	Grand Lake Township	1023 Twig Blvd	Saginaw	MN	55779
Earl Elde	Township Road Commissioner/Board of Supervisor's	Midway Township	3230 Midway Road	Duluth	MN	55810
Lois Lennartson	Township Clerk	Midway Township	3230 Midway Road	Duluth	MN	55810
Autumn Marquardt	Township Clerk	Solway Township	4029 Munger Shaw Road	Cloquet	MN	55720
Administration Office	Administration Office	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West	Duluth	MN	55802
Ashley Grimm	Commissioner (3rd District)	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 202	Duluth	MN	55802
Frank Jewell	Commissioner (1st District)	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West	Duluth	MN	55802
Keith Musolf	Commissioner (5th District)	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West	Duluth	MN	55802
Kevin Gray	Administrator	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 202	Duluth	MN	55802
Matthew Johnson	Planning & Community Development Director	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West	Duluth	MN	55802
Patrick Boyle	Commissioner (2nd District)	St. Louis County	100 North 5th Avenue West	Duluth	MN	55802
Steven Robertson	Senior Planner	City of Duluth	411 West First Street	Duluth	MN	55802