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June 20, 2016

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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received notice from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning a 50-year utility license for Xcel Energy Inc. to install an underground distribution line in Dakota County. The state interest in the land was purchased with Outdoor Heritage Funds (MN Laws 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(d)).

The attached letter from Mr. Rick Walsh, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Coordinator, describes the action. Pursuant to statute and the council's approved operating procedures, and in the absence of disapproval by leadership or the council by July 12th, 2016, approval of the conveyance/conversion and deposit of the proceeds into the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be approved by LSOHC Executive Director Mark Johnson. The state's share is a portion of an estimated \$250. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

We will withhold final notification until July 13th, 2016 to hear from you, if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Cc: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Rick Hansen, Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Attachment: Letter from Rick Walsh to Mark Johnson, June 16, 2016

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



Division of Fish and Wildlife
Land Acquisition Unit
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

June 16, 2016

Mark Johnson Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
State Office Building, Room 95
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mr. Johnson,

We have received an application from Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy Inc. for a 50-year utility license to install an underground distribution line. The proposed work will cross 660' of the Vermillion River Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County. As the Vermillion River WMA was acquired in part with Outdoor Heritage Funds, we are seeking approval from the Council. Although we are supportive of granting the utility license, the State's fee title will remain in effect on the land.

Project Description: Xcel Energy Inc. is proposing to install, maintain, and operate a distribution line that will be plowed into the road right-of-way in the Vermillion River WMA along 190th Street East in Dakota County (shown on attached maps). To complete this project, Xcel Energy Inc. will need to acquire a utility license. The license will be 33' x 660' in the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 16, Township 114, Range 19. The total area is approximately 0.5 acres in size.

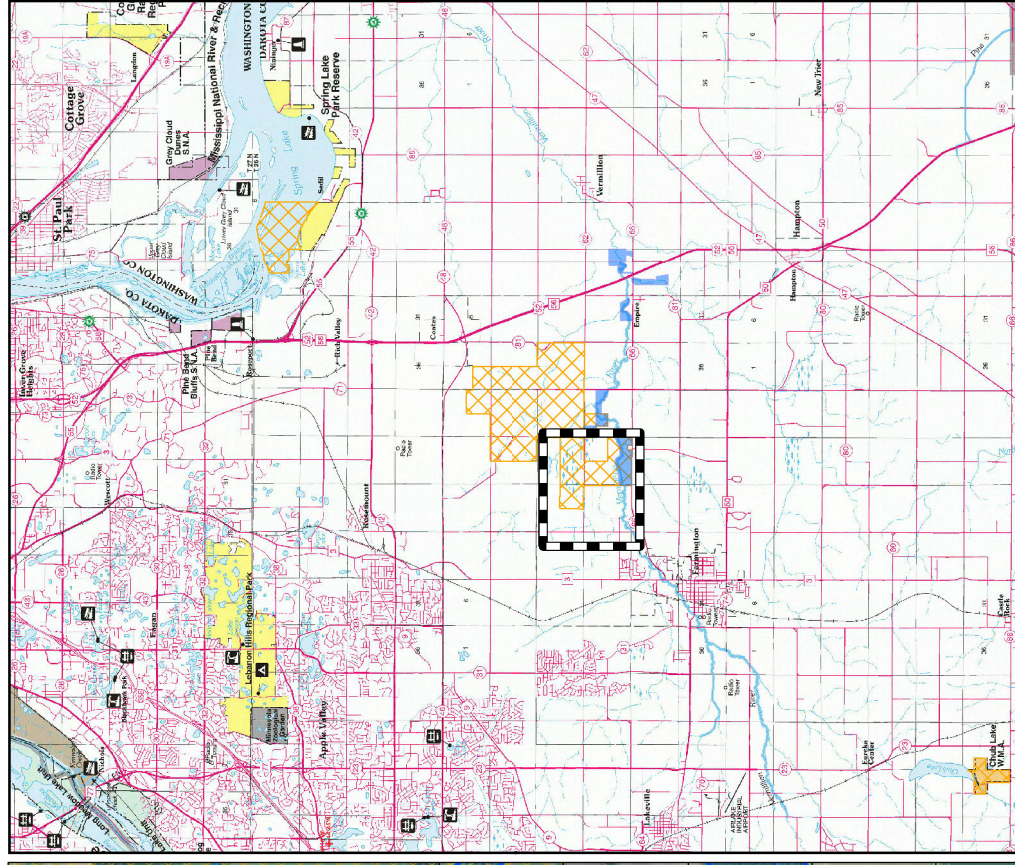
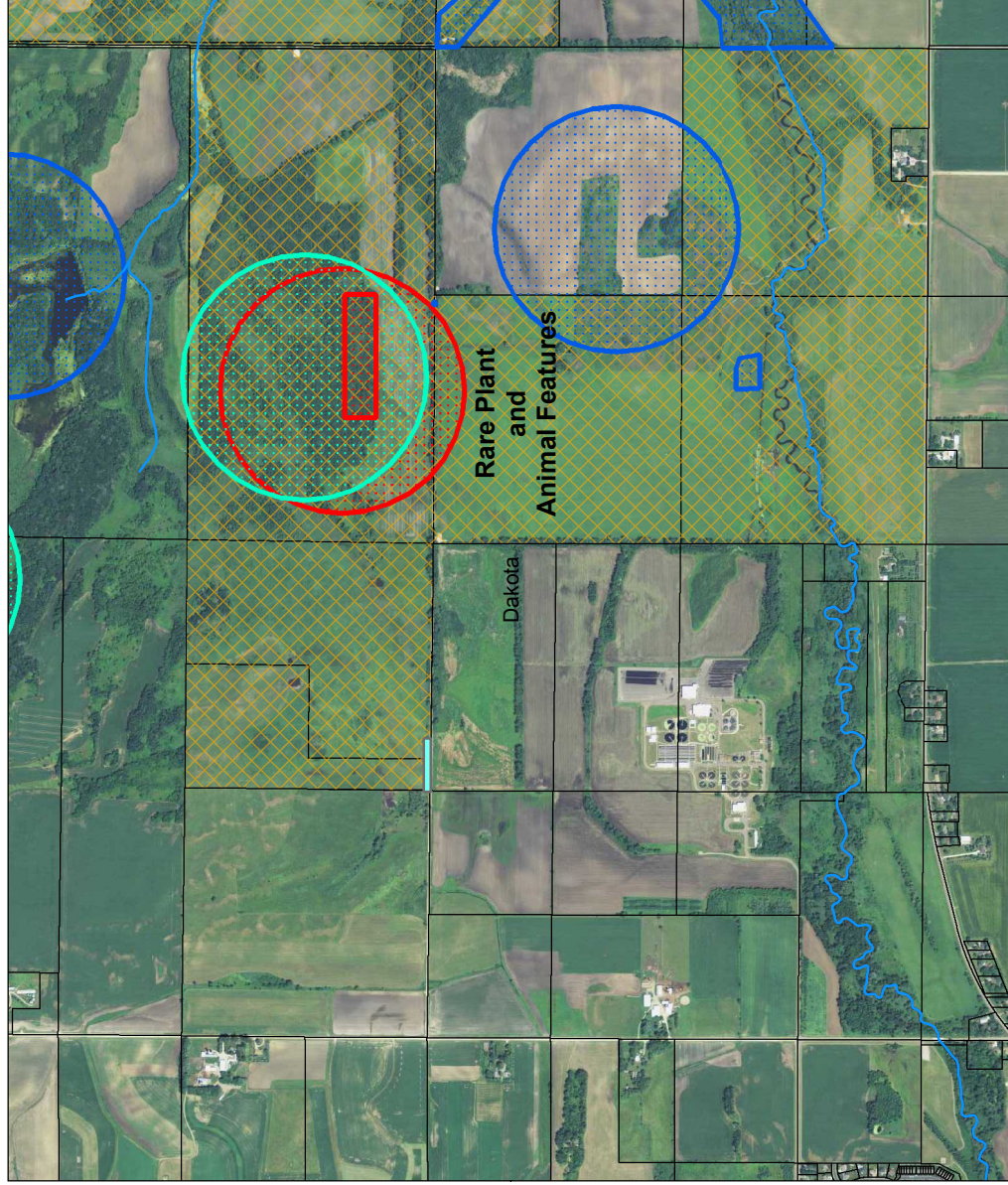
The estimated value of this license is: \$250

We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that approximately \$126 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 50.5% of the acquisition costs).

Sincerely,
Rick Walsh
Land Acquisition Coordinator
DNR – Fish & Wildlife

Cc Grant Wilson – Fish & Wildlife Planning and Policy Supervisor

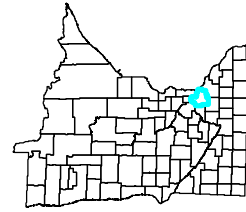
Vermillion River WMA - Xcel Energy, Inc. - Dakota County, MN



Note: This map shows the approximate relative location of property boundaries and other features but was not prepared by a professional land surveyor. This map is provided for informational purposes only and may not be sufficient or appropriate for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes.

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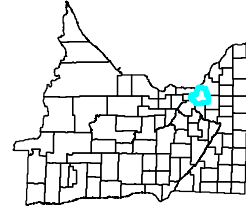
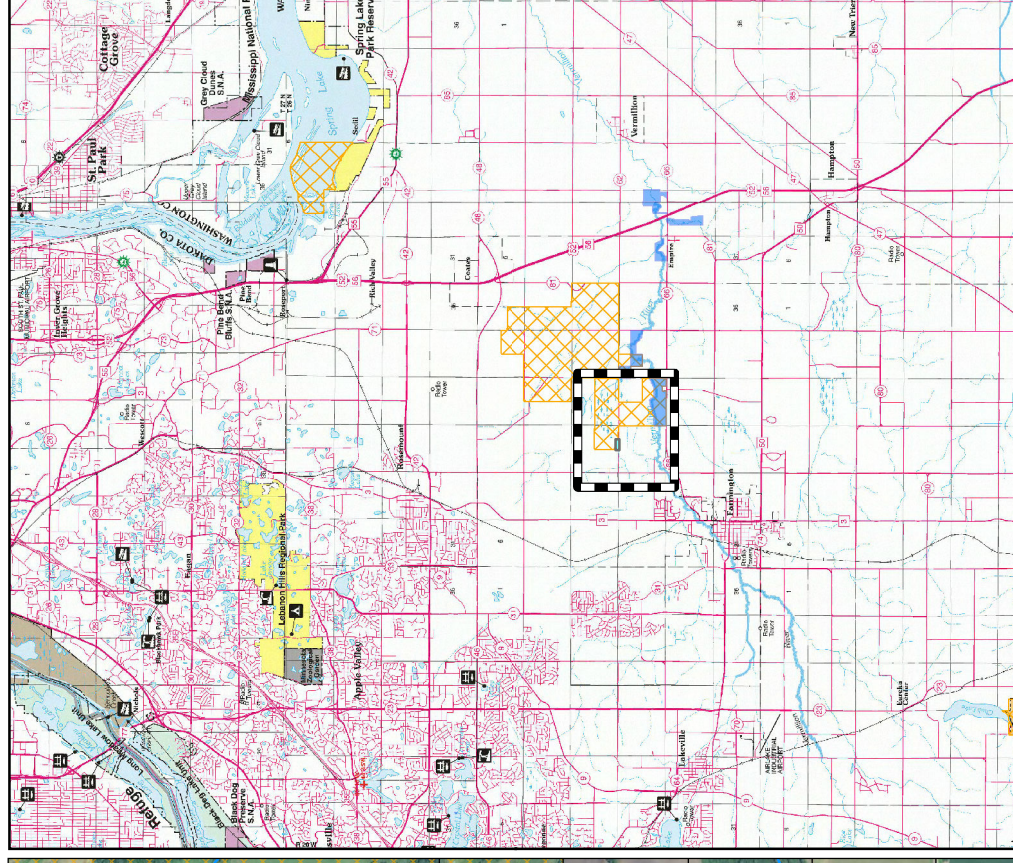
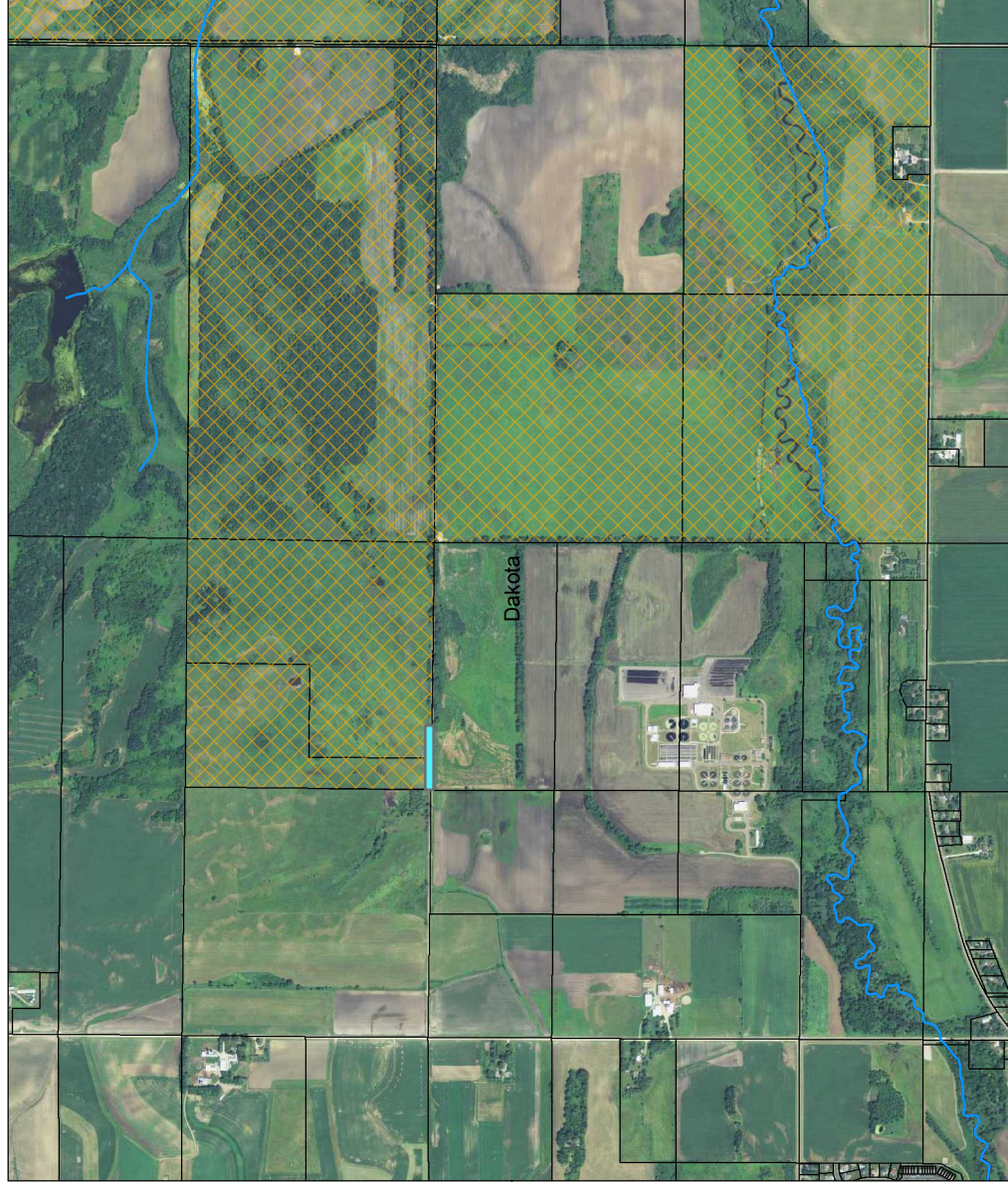
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries
-  Proposed project area



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414 Nicollet Mall
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February 16, 2016

Jean Zoch
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Central Region
DNR Lands and Minerals
1200 Warner Road
St. Paul, MN 55106

RE: Northern States Power Company / Xcel Energy, Inc. Application for License to Cross Public Lands in Regards to Underground Distribution Line in Dakota County, MN

Dear Ms. Zoch,

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation; d/b/a Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) submits the enclosed Application for License to Cross Public Lands to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a part a new underground distribution line project (the "Project"). The Project involves installing new underground distribution on DNR owned land in Dakota County.

There is one (1) quarter-quarter section crossed by the Project. Xcel Energy respectfully submits the attached application and seeks review and approval for a new License to Cross Public Lands. The majority of the undergrounding will take place on road right-of-way.

After reviewing MN DNR Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) data there were no known species in the land parcel being crossed by this project.

The distribution line will be installed using directional bore equipment at a depth between 30 – 36 inches. There will be some open excavation for splice pits.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at (612) 330-6956 or by email at james.w.fritz@xcelenergy.com.

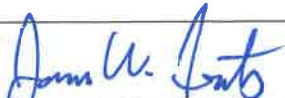
Sincerely,

James Fritz
Xcel Energy
Geospatial Analyst

Enclosures: Application for License to Cross Public Lands and Waters
Public Land Crossing Map

	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Application for License to Cross Public Lands and Waters (Submit 1 copy of the application and attachments)	
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The Applicant, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.415 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6135, applies for a license to cross PUBLIC LANDS or WATERS described below, in accordance with all maps, plans, specifications and other supporting data submitted with this application and made a part hereof.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Send completed license to Applicant (listed below)		<input type="radio"/> Send completed license to Applicant's Agent (listed below)	
Applicant's Name (as it will appear on official license): Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, Inc.		Agent's Company:	
Applicant's Mailing Address: Street 414 Nicollet Mall, MP-7B City and State Minneapolis, MN Zip Code 55401		Agent's Mailing Address: Street _____ City and State _____ Zip Code FEB 18 2016	
Applicant's Contact Person: James Fritz		Agent's Contact Person:	
Office Telephone Number (612) 330 - 6956	Alternate No. (i.e. Cell) (781) 588 - 5829	Office Telephone Number () - ()	Alternate No. (i.e. Cell) () - ()
Applicant's E-mail Address: james.w.fritz@xcelenergy.com		Agent's E-mail Address:	
Applicant's Project No.: Dakota County -- Underground distribution line along 190th St East.			
I. UTILITY: one utility type per application (check one box) ELECTRIC: <input type="radio"/> Transmission <input checked="" type="radio"/> Distribution PIPELINE: <input type="radio"/> Gases <input type="radio"/> Liquids <input type="radio"/> Solids in suspension COMMUNICATION: <input type="radio"/> Telephone <input type="radio"/> Cable TV <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____ Specify Voltage or Rating: <u>15 kv</u> Specify Pipe Diameter: _____			
II. LICENSE OPTIONS TERM of LICENSE: Choose one. <input checked="" type="radio"/> 50 year or <input type="radio"/> 25 year RENEWAL of LICENSE: Choose one. <input type="radio"/> Yes or <input checked="" type="radio"/> No TYPE OF LICENSE: Choose one. <input type="radio"/> Water Crossing License or <input checked="" type="radio"/> Land Crossing License			
III. INFORMATION TO ATTACH TO APPLICATION A. APPLICATION FEE AND WAIVER FORM B. CROSSING TABLE C. MAPS AND PLANS D. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (if applicable). Please indicate if this project has previously been reviewed pursuant to Minnesota Rules Chapter ,4410, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Conditional Use Permit, or Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) Information Request or other similar reviews. <input type="radio"/> Yes or <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> This proposed crossing does <u>NOT</u> comply with the environmental standards as listed in Minnesota Rules 6135.1100. Attached is an explanation of the conflict or discrepancy.			
IV. CERTIFICATION Applicant declares that the information submitted herein and statements made herein are a true and correct representation of the facts, and that the filing of this application and information with the Commissioner of Natural Resources is prima facie evidence of the correctness thereof. Applicant agrees to conform with and be bound by the terms of Minnesota Statutes, sec. 84.415 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6135, and additional terms of the license applied for, this application and all attachments of which will become a part.			
Applicant's Signature 		Title Geospatial Analyst	Date February 16, 2016

APPLICATION FEE AND WAIVER FORM

The application fee, unless waived as described below, must be included with the application. Choose one.

- Water Crossing License, Application fee \$2,250.00 or
- Land Crossing License, Application fee \$3,500.00

The application fee, unless waived as described below, **MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION**. Make the check payable to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. No action will be taken on the application until the application fee is received (except as noted below). The application fee is not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or denied. **DO NOT INCLUDE A LICENSE CROSSING FEE OR MONITORING FEE WITH THE APPLICATION**. The Applicant will be notified of the license crossing fee and monitoring fee when the license is sent out for signature(s).

JOINT APPLICATIONS: Is this a "joint application for residential use" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.415, Subdivision 3a.? Yes or No

If yes, separate applications submitted for the same crossing shall be joined together and processed as one application, provided that the applications are submitted within one year of each other and the utility lines are for residential use only.

ELECTRIC LINES LESS THAN 100kV: Does this application include only crossings of an electric line that are less than 100 kV pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.415, Subdivision 7?

- Yes or No

If yes, the application fee is waived. If no, please submit the appropriate application fee.

NON-MAIN PIPELINES: Does this application include only crossings that are considered non-main pipelines pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.415, Subdivision 7? Yes or No

If yes, the application fee is waived. If no, please submit the appropriate application fee.

REDUCTION IN LICENSE FEE FOR LAND CROSSINGS: Pursuant to Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 6135, the license fee for a land crossing may be reduced by 50% if an additional crossing is to be placed in an existing right-of-way pursuant to by the original licensee or any other licensee, as if this additional crossing were the original crossing in the right-of-way. Does this application include crossings in an existing utility license right-of-way? Yes or No

If yes, the applicant must provide the appropriate documentation as part of the license application packet.

List the specific crossings that are in an existing utility license right-of-way:



License No.	Licensee	Crossing Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Crossing Table										
No.	Forty or Lot <small>(i.e. SE ¼ NW ¼ or Govt. Lot No.)</small>	Sec.	Twp.	Range	County	Water Name or DNR Land Unit	Crossing Method <small>(Click below for choices)</small>	Low Impact Construction Method <small>(Click below for choices)</small>	Right-of-way	
									Width	Length
1	SW1/4SE1/4	16	114	19	Dakota	DNR Owned Land Vermillion River WMA	Under	Other method approved	33 ft.	660 ft.



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Underground Distribution Line
Dakota County
 T-114N, R-19W, Section 16, SW1/4 SE1/4
 Public Land Crossing
 DNR Land

-  Underground Distribution County Road Easement
-  Underground Distribution DNR Easement
-  Dakota County Property Boundary

-  Section Line
-  Quarter-Quarter Section Line



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DISCLAIMER: This information is believed to be correct but is subject to change and is not warranted.

DATA SOURCE: Xcel Energy, Inc., Mn DNR, MnDOT, USGS

Date: 2/17/2016



GENERAL SURVEYORS NOTES:

- 1) This survey is for graphical purposes and is not a boundary survey. No field work was completed for this exhibit.
- 2) The overall distance from the northwest corner of the proposed community solar garden to the centerline of Biscayne Avenue is 7957.34 feet.
- 3) All parcel data was taken from the Dakota County GIS site on January 22nd, 2016.



Date: 1/22/2016

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Westwood

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**Ursa
 CSG**

Rosemount, MN

**190th Right
 of Way Exhibit**

Vannilion
 River
 Crossing
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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



Division of Lands and Minerals Central Region

Value Determination Report (License)

Land License #: ULND010137

County: Dakota

Number of License Acres: 0.5

Valuation Date: 3/16/16

In order to establish a per acre value, I have searched the following resources:

- Current per acre land rate from the County Assessor
- County estimated market value
- Sale information in the immediate and surrounding townships
- Minnesota Land Economics website
- Other:

These records indicate bare land values to range between \$ 2,652.96 /acre to \$ 2,652.96 /acre.

A. Based on the above-mentioned data, the determined per acre value is \$2,652.96.

B. Timber damage

- None
- Estimate provided by Forestry staff:
Species: Cords: \$

C. Other:

Note: The LRS calculates the license fee based on the per acre value and timber values referenced in this report.

This Value Determination Report prepared by: Jean Zoch

LAND CROSSING FEE FORMULA

LICENSE #ULND010137 Northern States Power.

Square feet = acreage

43,560

(# of rods) x (\$ /rod) = \$ _____
 ((\$ /acre - \$100) x # acres) x .15 = \$ _____

16.5 ft = 1 rod

43,560 sq. ft = 1 acre

feet x feet = sq. feet (width x length)

Total License Fee = \$ _____

PART #1 (length of ROW in ft) = # of rods (# of rods) x (\$ /rod) = answer #1
 16.5

Part #1a. 660 (length of right of way in feet) = 40 rods
 16.5

#1b. 40 rods x 1.47 base rate/rod (see table) = \$58.80

answer to Part #1

PART #2 ((\$ /acre - \$100) x # acres) x .15 = answer #2

Part #2a. \$2,652.96 /acre - \$100 = \$2,552.96 (A)

#2b. \$2,552.96 (A) x 0.5 acres = \$1,276.48 (B)

#2c. \$1,276.48 (B) x .15 or 15% = \$191.47

answer to Part #2

PART #3 \$58.80 (Part #1) + \$191.47 (Part #2) = \$250.27 (LICENSE FEE)
 answer answer

NOTE: The 25 year license fee is 60% of the fee for a 50-year license.
 - Minimum license fee is \$28.00.

View/Edit Property - Dakota T114N R19W S16 SWSE

General Characteristics Location Crossing Water Interests Minerals Relations Legacy

Length, ft 660.00 Rate (Table IV) \$1.47
 Length in Rods 40.0000 Land Value/Acre \$2,652.96
 Width, ft 33.00 Crossing Land Value \$191.4720
 Crossing Acres 0.5000 License (Length) Fee \$58.8000
 Crossing Method Under On Public Road Right-of-Way No
 Existing Utility Right-of-Way No Crossing License Fee \$250.2720

Record 1 of 1

OK Cancel

Grant Utility License (Land) # 1066665, ULND010137: Coordinate Regional Review

Coordinate Regional Review

Enter Utility License General Information

License Information License Fees Approvals

Application Fee \$0.00 Timber Damages
 Supplemental Fee \$0.00 Earth Materials Damages
 License Fee \$250.00 Minerals Damages
 Monitoring Fee Other Damages
 Total License Fee \$250.00 Total Damages
 Comments

Crossing Units Summary

Category	Total on Public ROW	Total NOT on Public ROW	Total 50-year License Fee
Land Crossings	0	1	\$250.27

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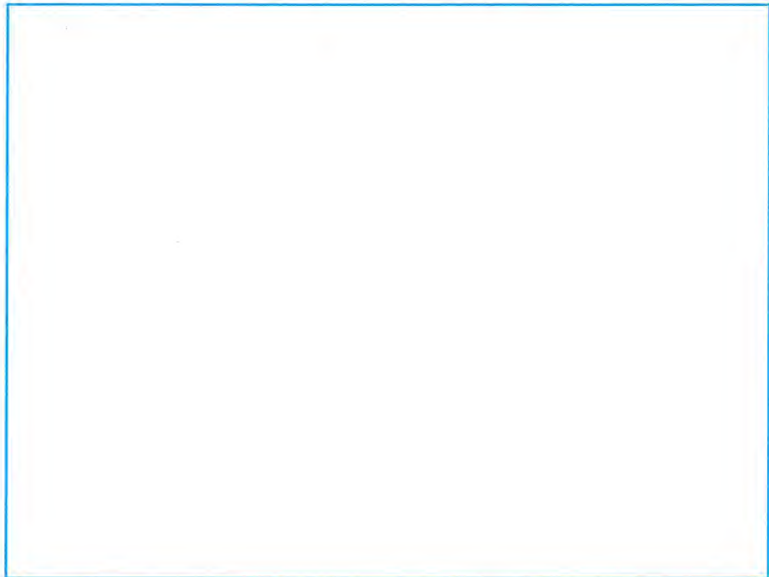
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LRS screens showing the license fee.

Property Card	Parcel ID Number 12-01600-75-040
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Owner Information
Fee Owner STATE OF MN - DNR
Mailing Address % TAX SPECIALIST BOX 45 500 LAFAYETTE RD SAINT PAUL MN 55155

Property Address
Address
Municipality EMPIRE TWP



Parcel Information	
Last Qualified Sale	Total Acres 110.48
Sale Value \$0.00	R/W Acres 1.75284373
Uses EXEMPT	Water Acres
	Plat SECTION 16 TWN 114 RANGE 19
	Lot and Block 16 114 19
	Tax Description E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 & E 30 ACRES OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4

2016 Building Characteristics (payable 2017)*		
Building Type	Year Built 0	Bedrooms
Building Style	Foundation Sq Ft	Bathrooms
Frame	Above Grade Sq Ft	Garage Sq Ft
Multiple Buildings	Finished Sq Ft	Other Garage

Miscellaneous Information					
School District	Watershed District	Homestead	Green Acres	Ag Preserve	Open Space
192	VERMILLION RIVER	NON HOMESTEAD			

Assessor Valuation		
	Taxable	Estimated
2016 Land Values (payable 2017)	\$0.00	\$300,500.00
2016 Building Values (payable 2017)*	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016 Total Values (payable 2017)*	\$0.00	\$300,500.00
2015 Total Values (payable 2016)*	\$0.00	\$293,100.00

Property Tax Information		
Net Tax (payable 2016)	Special Assessments (2016)	Total Tax & Assessments (2016)
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* Manufactured Homes Payable the Same Year as Assessment.

Disclaimer: Map and parcel data are believed to be accurate, but accuracy is not guaranteed. This is not a legal document and should not be substituted for a title search, appraisal, survey, or for zoning verification.

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March 15, 2016

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