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**To:** Parties on the EAW Distribution List / Other Interested Parties

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**Subject:** Scenic 69-kV Transmission Line and Substation, Itasca County, MN Record of Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Scenic 69-kV Transmission Line and Substation Project, Itasca County, Minnesota, has issued the Record of Decision regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the EQB *Monitor* on June 24, 2019 (Vol. 43; No. 25).

A copy of the Record of Decision will also be available online at:

(<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/69kv-transmission-line-substation/index.html>).

The DNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's responses to written comments received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

Issuing this Record of Decision concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information or copies of the Record of Decision, please call (651) 259-5115.