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To: Buffalo Ridge Incremental Generation Outlet Study Group

Re: Southwest Minnesota Generation Outlet Capability Study – First Study Group
Technical Meeting

1:00 PM August 9, 2005 at Xcel Energy General Office Lower Level Bay 1
414 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN.

This study, to be conducted during August-October, is for the purpose of determining specific characteristics for a new EHV (presumably 345 kV) transmission development between southwestern Minnesota and the Minneapolis/St. Paul ("Twin Cities") vicinity. This development is intended to be the "next step" following the "825 MW" and "incremental" (BRIGO Study) transmission system improvements related to Buffalo Ridge area generation outlet enhancement. Implementation of the selected improvements would presumably begin later this decade, with completion early in the 2010's.

A presentation relating to this upcoming study will be given at the MAPP "MB" and "NM" Subregional Planning Group (SPG) meetings next week (Aug 2 & Aug 3) in Fargo, ND.

The Work Plan for this study can be found in Documents in the Meeting Material file and is titled: 20050909-SwMnGenOutletStudy-NSP-doc1-WorkPlan.pdf

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rick Gonzalez (763-571-5008 x234; rick@xceleng.net) or Jason Standing (612-330-7768; jason.t.standing@xcelenergy.com).

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