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Minor Construction Work Planned Along 31st Avenue East In Superior

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Superior, Wis. —Rainy River Energy Corporation-Wisconsin (Rainy River), a wholly owned subsidiary of Minnesota Power, will be performing minor construction work at 31st Avenue East and East 18th Street (known as the "County Site") in Superior beginning next week. The work will last about one month and vehicle traffic in the area will not be affected.

In 2002 Rainy River received approval from state officials to build a natural gas-fired generation facility at its Superior site. Those plans have been on hold. But should the project be restarted, preliminary site work is needed to be completed before winter. Rainy River negotiations with potential customers for energy from the facility are still pending and firm contracts will be needed in order to restart the project.

Recently, Rainy River applied to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a permit extension on the project through Dec. 9, 2004, and also notified the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of the potential for construction to begin. Nearby residents will be receiving a letter notifying them of the construction.



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