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Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer will lead a panel discussion on “Energy, Environment and Economy” in Grand Rapids June 26

Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Gary Doer will deliver a keynote address, and government energy officials will participate in a panel discussion entitled Canada-Minnesota Partnership: “Energy, Environment and Economy” in Grand Rapids, Minn. on June 26.

U.S.-Canadian commerce, particularly the interchange of energy between the two nations, will be the focus of discussion. Panelists will include Government of Manitoba Minister Stan Struthers, Tom Landwehr, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner, Dave McMillan, Executive Vice President of Minnesota Power and Scott Thomson, Chief Executive Officer of Manitoba Hydro.

Minnesota Power, a sponsor of the event, has a long history of cooperation with Manitoba Hydro, including an agreement that begins in 2020 in which the Minnesota utility will buy 250-megawatts of renewable hydropower generated on the upper Nelson River by Manitoba Hydro. That agreement has been the driving force behind the proposed Great Northern Transmission Line, a 500-kilovolt link between the Canadian-U.S. border and Minnesota’s Iron Range now in its final planning stages.

Prior to taking up his current position in Washington, Ambassador Doer served as Premier of Manitoba for ten years. During that time, he worked extensively with U.S. governors to enhance Canada-U.S. cooperation on trade, agriculture, water protection, climate change and renewable energy.

During his three consecutive terms as Premier of Manitoba, Doer led strategic investments in health care, education and infrastructure. In 2005, he was named one of the top 20 international leaders on climate change by Business Week magazine.

“Energy, Environment and Economy” will be held at the Sawmill Inn, 2301 So. Pokegema Ave. in Grand Rapids, Thursday, June 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The news media is cordially invited to attend. Media are asked to contact Amy Rutledge at 218-723-7400 or arutledge@mnpower.com.

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