

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) - JUNE 27, 2000

MINNESOTA POWER, INC.

A Minnesota Corporation  
Commission File No. 1-3548  
IRS Employer Identification No. 41-0418150  
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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

For background information on the following update, reference is made to page 12 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 and page 9 of the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 of Minnesota Power, Inc. (Minnesota Power or Company).

On June 27, 2000 ADESA Corporation (ADESA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Minnesota Power, signed a letter of intent with Manheim Auctions, Inc. (Manheim) to buy eight ADT Automotive Holdings, Inc.'s (ADT) auctions and one Manheim auction. In January 2000 Manheim agreed to purchase 28 ADT auctions. Following Federal Trade Commission (FTC) review of the Manheim/ADT transaction, Manheim agreed to sell the nine auctions ADESA intends to purchase. The ADESA/Manheim transaction is subject to the negotiation and execution of a definitive purchase agreement, completion of due diligence, Board approval, approval by the FTC and satisfaction of various other customary conditions. The Company expects to finance the transaction with long-term debt to be repaid over two to three years.

The auctions included in the transaction are: Southwest Auto Auction located in Phoenix, Arizona; Golden Gate Auto Auction located near San Francisco, California; Southern States Vehicle Auction located in metro Atlanta, Georgia; Metro Auto Auction of Kansas City located near Kansas City, Missouri; Puget Sound Auto Auction located in the Seattle, Washington area; Colorado Springs Auto Auction located in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and three Florida-based auctions, Bayside Auto Auction in Tampa, Clearwater Auto Auction and Orlando-Sanford Vehicle Auction. For the twelve months ended May 31, 2000, these nine auctions sold approximately 400,000 vehicles and generated approximately \$130 million in revenue. With this purchase, ADESA will operate 55 vehicle auction facilities throughout the United States and Canada.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Minnesota Power, Inc.

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(Registrant)

June 28, 2000

D. G. Gartzke

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Senior Vice President - Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer