

## **Commission Decision Alternatives**

### **A. Findings of Fact**

1. Issue findings of fact and conclusions demonstrating that the alternative permitting process has been conducted in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.
2. Modify and issue findings of fact and conclusions to indicate that the Commission decision will not be effective until decisions are made in the Line 3 dockets.
3. Decline to issue findings of fact and conclusions at this time and direct staff to bring the matter before the Commission once approval decisions are made in the Line 3 dockets.
4. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

### **B. Environmental Assessment**

1. Find that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision.
2. Determine that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing do not adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision and direct that any deficiencies are corrected.
3. Decline to reach a decision as to whether the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing do not adequately address the issues identified in the scoping decision and direct staff to bring the matter before the Commission once approval decisions are made in the Line 3 dockets.
4. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

### **C. Transmission Line Route Permit**

1. Grant a route permit to Great River Energy for the Palisade High Voltage Transmission Line Project identifying a specific route and permit conditions for the Project incorporating staff's recommended modifications.

2. Decline to grant a route permit to Great River Energy for the Palisade High Voltage Transmission Line Project until after approval decisions are made in the Line 3 dockets.
3. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**D. Specific Route Permit Conditions**

1. Delay approval of the route permit and direct staff to ask the Commission to consider issuance only after a certificate of need is granted and a route permit issued for the Line 3 Project.
2. Determine that physical construction of the Project cannot begin until after the Commission grants a certificate of need and issues a route permit for the Line 3 Project.
3. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**E. Deferral of Decision**

1. Defer decision on Items A – D and direct staff to schedule the final decision on this matter to be considered as soon as practicable following a final decision of the Line 3 certificate of need and route permit dockets.
2. Take some other action.

**Staff Recommendation:** Either: A.1, A.2, B.1, C.1 and D.2, or: A.3, B.3, C.2, and D.1, or E.1.