

**Docket# 14-797; Revised Decision Options – January 25, 2016**

**Commission Decision Alternatives**

**A. Environmental Assessment**

1. Determine that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing addresses the issues identified in the environmental assessment scoping decision.
2. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**B. Findings of Fact and Conclusions**

1. Approve and adopt the Applicants' proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project.
2. Approve and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions to include the modifications proposed by the EERA.
3. Approve and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion with the edits proposed by the Andersens.
4. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**C. Certificate of Need**

1. Grant a certificate of need to Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project.
2. Do not grant a certificate of need for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project.
3. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**D. High-Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit.**

1. **Between the Hubbard Substation and the Blueberry Substation, Issue a high-voltage transmission line route permit ~~identifying-selecting~~ the Applicants' proposed route- and modify findings 202 and 203 accordingly.**
2. **Between the Hubbard substation and the Blueberry substation, Issue a high-voltage transmission line route permit ~~identifying-selecting~~ the Applicants' proposed route with- and the "Andersen alignment alternative". as recommended by EERA.**

3. Between the Blueberry substation and the Red Eye substation, ~~issue a high-voltage transmission line route permit identifying the 119<sup>th</sup> Ave Route Alternative.~~ selecting the Applicants' proposed route and modify finding 204 accordingly.
4. Between the Blueberry substation and the Red Eye substation, issue a high-voltage transmission line route permit selecting the 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. route alternative and modify finding 204 accordingly.
- 4.5. Decline to issue a route permit.
- 5.6. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

E. **Route Permit Conditions**

1. Accept the permit conditions as proposed by the Applicants.
2. Accept the revised permit conditions as proposed by DOC EERA and identified by Commission staff.
3. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

**Staff Recommendation:** A.1, B2, C1, D.2-3, and E2.