

October 4, 2022

Via eDockets

Consumer Affairs Office
Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Supplemental Comments on Application Completeness
GRE St. Joseph 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation Rebuild
Docket No. ET2/TL 22-235

Dear Consumer Affairs Staff:

On September 20, 2022, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff provided comments on application completeness¹ for the route permit application filed by Great River Energy (GRE) for the 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation Rebuild in St. Joseph, Minnesota.²

EERA staff has reviewed reply comments filed by GRE on September 27, 2022.³ GRE's reply comments have not addressed the supplemental information needs EERA staff identified in its September 20, 2022 comments and recommendations. EERA continues to recommend that GRE file an amended route permit application that includes the information identified in its September 20, 2022, filing.⁴ EERA does not make this recommendation lightly. EERA asks for additional or supplemental information, when necessary, to ensure that the environmental review and permitting process is effective and efficient.

EERA is committed to working with applicants to obtain information necessary for environmental review, record development, and decision making, and will continue coordinating with GRE.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jamie MacAlister

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¹ EERA Comments and Recommendations on Application Completeness (September 20, 2022), eDockets ID: [20229-189194-01](#).

² Route Permit Application (August 25, 2022), eDockets ID: [20228-188608-02](#), [20228-188608-03](#), [20228-188608-04](#)

³ GRE Reply Comments on Application Completeness (September 27, 2022), eDockets ID: [20229-189331-01](#).

⁴ EERA Comments and Recommendations on Application Completeness (September 20, 2022), eDockets ID: [20229-189194-01](#).

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