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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND  
MINNESOTA POWER'S REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIONS**

*Issued: November 3, 2014*

**In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a  
Certificate of Need for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Morrison, Cass  
and Todd Counties, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Number/s:** ET2, E015/CN-14-853

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes November 17, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.  
Reply comment period closes December 1, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

*Comments must be received at the Commission by 4:30pm on the close date  
Comments received after comment period closes will not be accepted*

**Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission grant Great River Energy and Minnesota Power's exemption requests?

**Project Background:** On October 30, 2014, Great River Energy and Minnesota Power requested an exemption from certain filing requirements under Minn. Rules, parts 7849.0260, 7849.0270, 7849.0280, 7849.0290 and 7849.0300. The Motley Area Project is a proposal to construct approximately 14 miles of new 115 kV transmission line and to construct/modify substations in the Motley area.

Note: Staff will propose to the Commission that the deadline for action on the exemption request as required under Minn. Rules 7849.0200 subd. 6 be extended to coincide with the comment deadlines noted above.

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