



October 20, 2025

Haley Waller Pitts
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Dear Ms. Waller Pitts,

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has received Great River Energy and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative's compliance filing¹ identifying an independent engineering consultant to analyze reliability concerns associated with the Laketown 115 kV Transmission Line Project, Docket Number ET2/TL-24-132.

The compliance filing has been submitted in accordance with ordering paragraph four of the Commission's October 2, 2025, Order² in this docket, which states:

The Applicants shall retain an independent engineering consultant to analyze the reliability concerns, proposed steps necessary to address the concerns, and estimated costs relating to Route Alternative B compared to the Applicants' Proposed Route. The selection of the consultant shall be made with the advice and consent of the Executive Secretary and the work shall be directed by the Executive Secretary. The report shall be submitted directly to the ALJ and the Executive Secretary for inclusion in the record.

Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has reviewed the compliance filing. Staff believes that the filing identifies an independent consultant and scope of work that will analyze reliability concerns, propose next steps to address these concerns, and provide estimated costs for these steps.

Based on this review, Commission staff has advised me, and I agree, that the compliance filing is consistent with ordering paragraph four of the Commission's October 2, 2025 order for the Laketown 115 kV Transmission Line Project.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Sam Lobby at sam.lobby@state.mn.us or 651-201-2205.

¹ Great River Energy and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative – Proposed Independent Selection and Scope (10/16/2025): [202510-224008-01](#)

² PUC – Order Adopting ALJ Report as Modified, Requiring Additional Record Development, and Remanding for Further proceedings (10/02/2025): [202510-223519-01](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sasha Bergman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary