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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Re: Application for a Route Permit  
Palisade 115 kV Project  
MPUC Docket No. ET2/TL-15-423**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On behalf of Great River Energy (Applicant), under a separate eFile submission, dated today, please find the Route Permit Application (Application) to construct approximately 13 miles of 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to serve a proposed new Enbridge Energy (Enbridge) pump station near Palisade in Aitkin County, Minnesota (Project). The Application details the proposed route for the Project.

The Application is submitted under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900 and Minn. Stat. § 216E.04. Seventeen paper copies and 17 CD ROMs of the Application have been provided to Suzanne Steinhauer of the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff, who will distribute copies to the technical representatives, Public Utilities Commission staff, and EERA staff.

A check for \$20,000 made payable to the Department of Commerce for 50% of the total estimated fee for processing the Application (as required by Minn. R. 7850.1800 and Minn. Stat. § 216E.18) has been provided to the Department of Commerce.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 216E.04, subdivision 4 (*citing* Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 4) and Minnesota Rule 7850.3300 (*citing* Minn. R. 7850.2100), Great River Energy will provide notice of the Application to the required stakeholders within 15 days.

Please direct any questions you may have with respect to the filing to Mark Strohfus of Great River Energy at 763-445-5210. Thank you for your attention to this important project.

Sincerely,  
GREAT RIVER ENERGY

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'W R Kaul'.

William R. Kaul  
Vice President, Transmission

cc: Deborah Pile, DOC-EERA