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Consumer Affairs Office
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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC and Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Martin County, Minnesota
PUC Docket Number: IP-7013/TL-25-389

To Whom It May Concern,

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the route permit application for the Big Bend Wind 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Project, proposed by Big Bend Wind, LLC, and Great River Energy. Our agency concurs with the draft permit language and has no additional comments at this time.

The DNR appreciates the opportunity to comment on the construction and operation of the proposed Big Bend Wind 161 kV HVTL Project. Please contact me if you have questions about our agency's comments.

Sincerely,

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