

December 29, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit to Rebuild the Existing 69-kV ST-WW Transmission Line to 115-kV in Stearns County, MN, MPUC Docket No. ET2/TL-22-235**  
***Great River Energy Scoping Comments***

Dear Ms. MacAlister:

As discussed in Great River Energy's November 22, 2022 filing in the above-captioned matter, Great River Energy has been coordinating with the cities of St. Joseph and St. Cloud ("Cities") regarding the Cities' potential plans for future road expansion in the vicinity of the Project. The Cities do not currently have a design for the potential future road expansion, and Great River Energy is continuing coordination regarding the impact of any road expansion on its existing facilities and this Project. At this time, Great River Energy does not have any updates beyond what was provided in its November 22, 2022 filing.

Nonetheless, with this filing, Great River Energy is submitting an expanded route width that it has presented to the Cities. See **Attachment A**, which update pages 3 and 4 of the maps provided in Appendix B to the Route Permit Application. Generally, starting at the northeast corner of the Project at the intersection of 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Mullen Road, the maps depict a route width of 450 feet west of the City of St. Cloud boundary, extending 1,480 feet south of the Mullen Road centerline. From this point, the route width decreases to 250 feet west of the City of St. Cloud boundary, extending 2,650 feet further to the south. From this point south to 304<sup>th</sup> Street, the route width returns to 100 feet west of the City of St. Cloud boundary, as depicted in the Route Permit Application.

Great River Energy requests that that the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis ("EERA") include this expanded route width in the forthcoming

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Environmental Assessment (“EA”). Great River Energy will provide EERA with applicable shapefiles separately to aid in EERA’s analysis and is available to provide further information to EERA, as needed, to ensure that EERA may analyze this expanded route width in the EA.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.

*/s/ Haley L. Waller Pitts*

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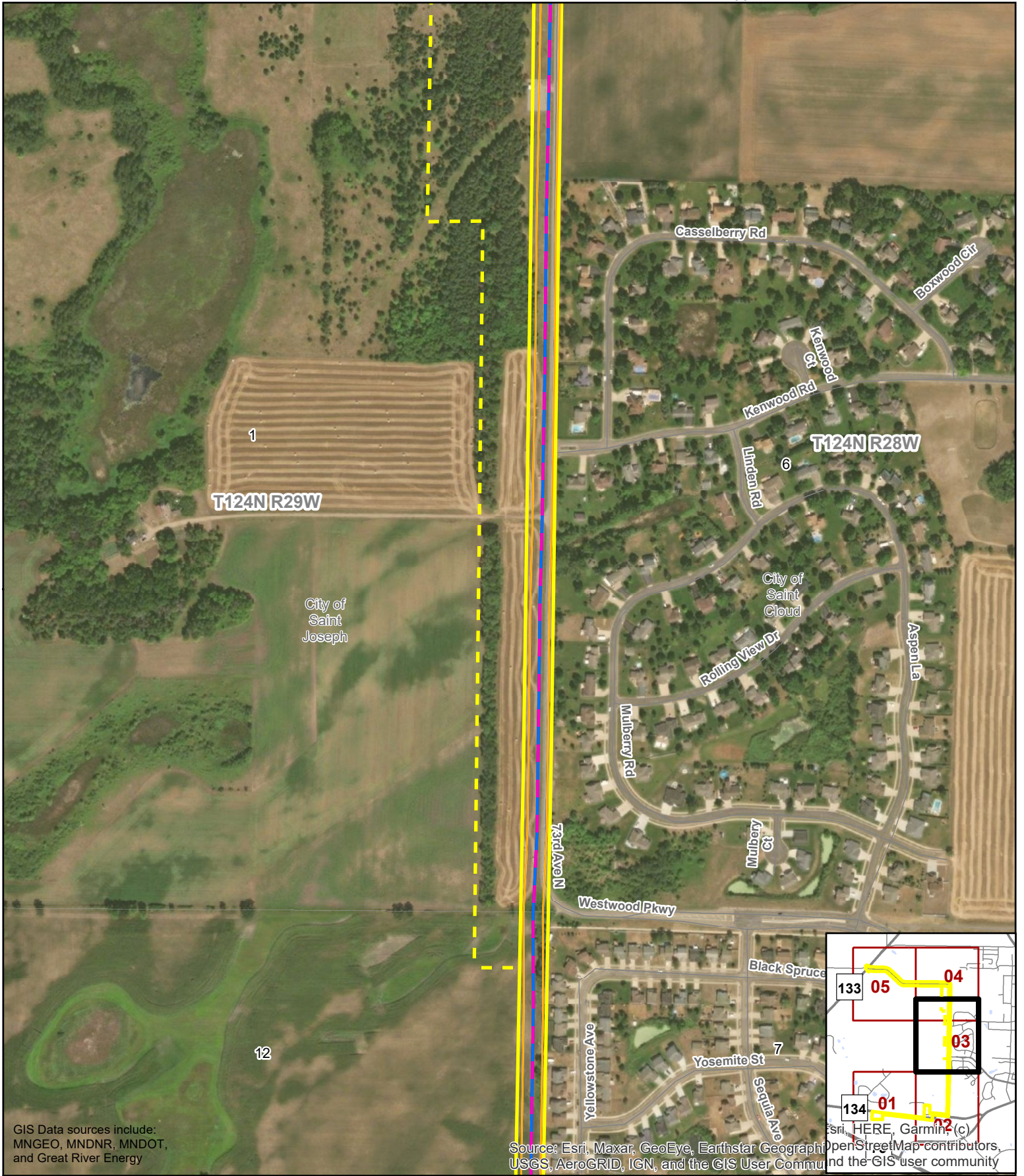
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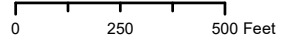
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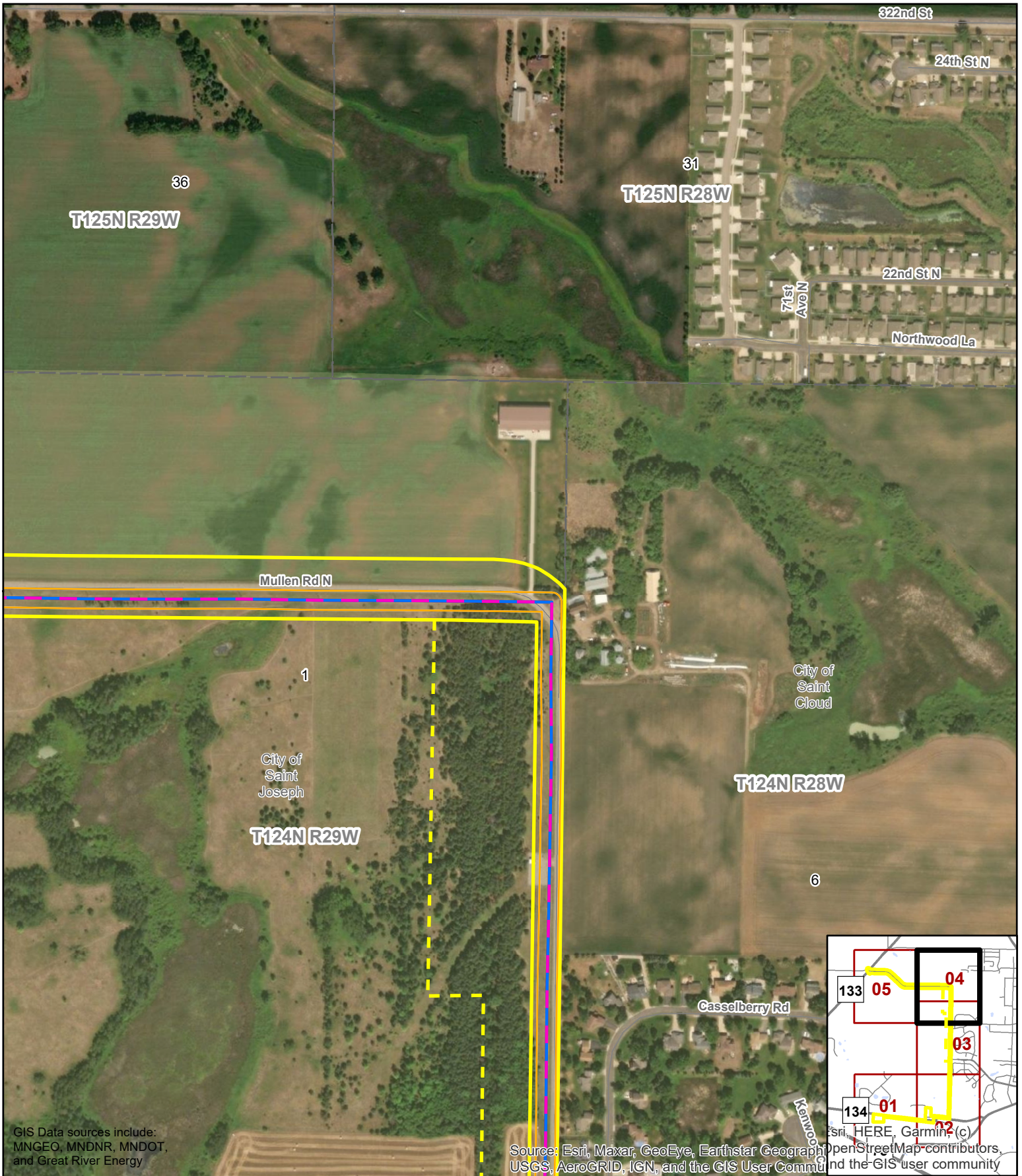
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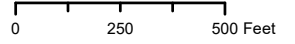
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Breann Jurek certifies that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, she e-filed on behalf of Great River Energy true and correct copies of the following documents:

1. Great River Energy's Scoping Comments with Attachment A; and
2. Certificate of Service.

A copy has also been served on the individuals listed on the attached service lists.

Executed on: December 29, 2022

*Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek*  
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