

December 10, 2025

**VIA E-FILING**

Ms. Sasha Bergman  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

**Re: In 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**

**MPUC Docket No. IP7013/TL-25-389**

Dear Ms. Bergman:

Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend) and Great River Energy (GRE) (collectively, the Applicants) are proposing to construct a 161 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and associated facilities in Martin County, Minnesota. Applicants respectfully submit this Route Permit Application (Application) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) under the Standard Review Process set forth in Minn. Stat. § 216I.07.

Enclosed for filing please find Applicant's Route Permit Application, with public Appendices A-J, and NONPUBLIC Appendix E.

The documents referenced above have also been electronically filed today through [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.state.mn.us). The Application filing fee will be sent under separate cover. Also under separate cover, Applicants are providing five (5) hard copies of the Application as directed by Commission staff. A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record and the agency representative service list, as applicable.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, the Applicants have designated portions of Appendix E as NONPUBLIC DATA—NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE because it contains sensitive cultural resource and natural heritage information. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office Manual for Archaeological Projects in Minnesota provides for restricted access to sensitive cultural resource information. Similarly, the natural heritage information is nonpublic under Minnesota Statutes § 84.0872. Given the need to include nonpublic information, the Applicants have prepared and are electronically filing both NONPUBLIC and public versions of Appendix E.

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

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Sincerely,

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CKB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, she e-filed a true and correct copy of the following documents on behalf of Big Bend Wind, LLC and Great River Energy via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us).

- Filing Letter;
- Route Permit Application, including Public Appendices A – J;
- NONPUBLIC Appendix E; and
- Certificate of Service.

Said documents were also served as designated on the Official Service List of record and the agency representative service list, as applicable, on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on: December 10, 2025

*Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek*

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