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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:

I am a participating landowner in the project area, and I am in support of the Big Bend Wind and Great River Energy Transmission Line Extension project in Martin County, Minnesota (Project). I have been communicating with Big Bend Wind throughout the transmission line route development and permitting process. During the route development process, I had several conversations with the Big Bend Wind development team where I expressed that it is very important to me that the transmission line poles be placed along the road right-of-way to minimize impacts to my farming operations. In the early part of those conversations, Big Bend Wind proposed to run its transmission line west from County Road 103 (20th Avenue) along the northern boundary of one of my parcels in Trimont, Minnesota (Parcel ID – 010160300). This proposed route from Big Bend Wind was similar to the alternative route proposed by Mrs. Dana Scholl for the Project. When Big Bend Wind presented this route to me, I indicated that it was my strong preference that the transmission line be built further south of my property along 220th Avenue, which is similar to the route Big Bend Wind ultimately proposed to the Commission in its route permit application. I support the route that Big Bend Wind proposed in its route permit application.

Additionally, I have family members buried at the Cedar Lutheran Cemetery, and I have no objection to Big Bend Wind routing the proposed transmission line around the cemetery.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Hansen