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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON GRE and MINNESOTA POWER'S  
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIONS**

*Issued: October 1, 2014*

**In the Matter of** the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for a High-Voltage Transmission Line in the Menahga area in Hubbard, Wadena and Becker counties.

**PUC Docket Number:** ET2/E015/CN-14-787

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes October 15, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.  
Reply comment period closes October 28, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

**Topics Open for Comment:**

- Comments on the petition for exemption request by the Applicants.

**Project Description:**

On September 24, 2014, the Applicants submitted a petition for exemption from some of the filing requirements under Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7849. Namely, the provisions of Minn. Rules, part 7849.0260, 7849.0270, 7849.0280, 7849.0290 and 7849.0300. The Menahga project is a proposal to construct a new (approximately 22.5-mile) 115 kV transmission line and to construct/modify substations in the Menahga area.

Note: Staff will propose to the Commission that the deadline for action on the exemption request as required under Minn. Rules 7849.0200 subd. 6 be extended to coincide with the comment deadlines noted above.

**Filing Requirements:** Utilities, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are also encouraged to use eFiling: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select eFiling, and follow the prompts.

**Submit Public Comments:** Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Comment on an Issue*, find this docket

(14-787), and add your comments to the discussion. Persons without internet access may send by U.S. mail to: Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the PUC Docket Number (14-787) in all communications.

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