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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Route Permit Minor Alteration Request Submitted by Great River Energy for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties

MPUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-15-204

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Great River Energy, on behalf of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power ("Permittees") submitted a request for two minor alterations of the route on May 12, 2016.

In light of the comments submitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on May 26, 2016, Great River Energy requests that the Commission review Minor Alterations 1 and 2 separately so additional review, analysis, and consultation can be undertaken related to Minor Alteration 2. Great River Energy would like to maintain the current processing for Minor Alteration 1 because no objections to the request have been made and the two landowners directly affected by the modified alignment have granted easements. If Minor Alteration 1 is approved, Great River Energy would be able to make payment to the landowners shortly thereafter.

Great River Energy respectfully requests that the Commission consider Minor Alteration 1 and 2 separately. Specifically, Great River Energy requests that the Commission consider Minor Alteration 1 as soon as possible and defer further action on Minor Alteration 2 pending Permittees' consultation with DNR. Great River Energy will provide the Commission with an update concerning Minor Alteration 2 after further consultation with DNR. Please contact me at (763) 445-5215 if there are any questions on this filing.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marsha Parlow'.

Marsha Parlow
Transmission Permitting Analyst