

In the Matter of Minnesota Power and Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for up to an approximately 180-mile, double circuit 345-kV transmission.

PUC Docket No. E015,ET2/CN-22-416 & E015,ET2/TL-22-415

Commissioner Tuma offers the following new Decision Option 8A:

TUMA REVISED 8A:

The Permittee(s) shall engage with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and develop opportunities for Tribal economic and workforce development related to the Northland Reliability Project. For any construction (including decommissioning work) along the route, the Permittee(s) will coordinate with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe TERO to ensure the project includes opportunities for, including but not limited to, the hiring and training of Tribal members and the utilization of Tribal businesses. The Permittee shall report on its efforts to coordinate with TERO and the results of the coordination including, but not limited to, Tribal members hired and use of Tribal businesses within 30 days after construction of the Project has been completed.