

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Beverly Jones Heydinger	Chair
David C. Boyd	Commissioner
Nancy Lange	Commissioner
J. Dennis O'Brien	Commissioner
Betsy Wergin	Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GREAT RIVER ENERGY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
NEED FOR ITS 115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE  
PROJECT IN THE ELKO NEW MARKET AND  
CLEARY LAKE AREAS IN SCOTT AND RICE  
COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

MPUC Docket No. ET2/CN-12-1235

**SUMMARY OF  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED FILING**

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On June 20, 2013, Great River Energy filed an application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Certificate of Need to construct its 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas in Scott and Rice Counties, Minnesota (Project). The Project includes construction of approximately 5.4 miles of new double circuit 115 kV transmission line and rebuilding approximately 11.3 miles of existing 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV specifications.

The Project is needed to address low voltage and transmission system overload issues in the Project area. The existing transmission system that serves this area of the State has reached its maximum peak load-serving capability.

A copy of the Application is available at the Commission's website:

<http://www.puc.state.mn.us/PUC/index.html>

On the Commission's homepage, click on the "Search e-Dockets" link, and then enter the docket number "12-1235" in the docket look up box. A copy of this Application is also available at:

<http://www.greatriverenergy.com/deliveringelectricity/currentprojects/>

On Great River Energy's webpage, click either Scott County or Rice County on the State map and then the "Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas transmission upgrade" link.