

August 11, 2023

VIA eDOCKETS

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
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RE: EERA Comments on Administrative Law Judge's Report
Great River Energy Route Permit to Rebuild the Existing 69kV ST-WW Transmission Line to
115 kV in Stearns County
OAH Docket 23-2500-38942
Docket No. ET2/TL 22-235

Mr. Seuffert:

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations issued by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Suzanne Todnem for Great River Energy's rebuild of the existing 69 kV transmission line to a 115 kV transmission line and associated substation upgrades.

EERA staff have no exceptions to the ALJ report. EERA appreciates the comprehensive analysis of the record and concurs with Judge Todnem's recommendation that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant a route permit for the project.

EERA staff are available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



Jamie MacAlister
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

cc: Cezar Panait, Public Utilities Commission,
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