

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the Laketown 115-kV Transmission Line in Carver County, Minnesota.

THIRD PREHEARING ORDER

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf upon remand by the Public Utilities Commission for additional proceedings and record development related to the feasibility of Route Alternative B.¹

Haley L. Waller Pitts, Fredrikson & Byron, appeared on behalf of Great River Energy (GRE) and Minnesota Valley Electric (MVE) (collectively, Applicants), along with Michael Swenson, GRE Transmission Permitting Specialist. Chad Graham, Staff Attorney, appeared on behalf of Public Utilities Commission staff. Sam Lobby, Logan Hicks, and Bret Ekness also participated as Public Utilities Commission staff.

Based upon the submissions of the parties and the hearing record,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Schedule of Additional Proceedings

The following schedule is adopted:

Milestone	Date
Independent Engineer Report delivered to EIP and Administrative Law Judge	November 10, 2025
Notice of Comment Period	November 17, 2025
Close of Initial Comment Period	December 16, 2025
Close of Reply Comment Period	December 23, 2025

¹ See Order Adopting Administrative Law Judge Report as Modified, Requiring Additional Record Development, and Remanding for Further Proceedings (Oct. 2, 2025) (eDocket No. 202510-223519-01).

Applicant submits proposed additional findings	December 30, 2025
EIP submits reply, if any, to proposed additional findings	January 9, 2026
Issuance of Administrative Law Judge Report	January 30, 2026

Dated: October 22, 2025



KIMBERLY MIDDENDORF
Administrative Law Judge

October 22, 2025

See Attached Service List

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit Application for the Laketown 115-kV Transmission Line in Carver County, Minnesota*

**CAH 21-2500-40445
MPUC TL-24-132**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **THIRD PREHEARING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7970, cara.hunter@state.mn.us, or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



CARA HUNTER
Legal Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Docket Coordinator

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