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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: Supplemental Filing - Clarification to Notice Plan Petition for the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Project in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties, Minnesota  
Docket No. ET2, E015/CN-14-853**

Dear Dr. Haar:

On behalf of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power, Great River Energy hereby submits this clarification regarding a variance requested in the Notice Plan Petition for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Project filed on October 1, 2014.

In the Notice Plan Petition filed October 1, 2014, Great River Energy requested a waiver of requirement of Minnesota Rule 7829.2500, Subpart 5 that requires newspaper notice of the filing after a certificate of need is filed. Further justification for this variance is provided below.

It is anticipated that the Notice Plan for the Motley Project will be implemented in December 2014. In accordance with the Notice Plan, Applicants will publish notice in the three local newspapers identified in the Notice Plan Petition no more than 60 days before the certificate of need application is filed. Applicants will be filing a combined certificate of need and route permit application in one document, likely in January 2015. Notice of this filing will be published in the same local newspapers within 15 days after submission of the application per the project notice rules for a route permit application (Minnesota Rule 7850.2100, Subpart 4). Applicants feel that a third newspaper notice per Minnesota Rule 7829.2500, Subpart 5 is redundant and unnecessary given the second newspaper notice published per Minnesota Rule 7850.2100, Subpart 4.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please contact me at 763-445-5218.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: The Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources  
Office of the Attorney General, Residential and Small Business Utilities Division  
Project Service List

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