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ATTACHMENT No

SUBJECT In the Matter of Application of Minnesota Power, Great River Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company for a Certificate of Need for the Maple River to Cuyuna 345kV Transmission Line Project

- A. Given the authorities and requirements under Minn. Stat. § 216I.05, subd. 11(e) and Minn. Stat. § 161.45 (the Next Gen Highway Act) the applicants are required to supplement the Certificate of Need record to include a discussion of a route alternative or specific segment alternatives that use the existing US Highway 10 starting in the identified study area near Glyndon, MN, proceeding east until just West of Motley, MN, where it would reconnect with the existing study area. The applicants shall make a high voltage electric line colocation request and pursue coordination activities with the MNDOT with the purpose of obtaining a Constructability Report for this alternative or segment alternatives pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.45, subd. 6. In their route permit application, the applicants must provide an alternative and segment alternatives for consideration that as much as practical places the structures directly adjacent to, across or just into the Highway 10 right-of-way for the length noted above for public and Commission’s consideration.

And

- B. Further the applicants shall seek the same for highway colocation of a route alternative that uses existing State Highway 64 in Hubbard and Cass County if the applicant selects their preferred route in the corridor.