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Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: EFP Review – Compliance Filing dated October 29, 2014
Great River Energy’s Enterprise Park-Crooked Lake HVTL Project
Docket No. ET2/TL-11-915

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the review and comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) staff in the above stated matter.

Great River Energy (GRE) proposes to construct approximately 5.8-mile of new 115 kilovolt (kV) and associated facilities between Anoka and Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

In its filing dated October 29, 2014, GRE has requested a Permit Transfer (Minn. Rule 7850.5000) from GRE to MMPA Transmission LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA).

The GRE contact for this project is:

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Based on Department staff’s review of the permittees’ filings, staff concludes that the filings are in accordance with the Commission’s route permit.

Sincerely,

William Cole Storm, DOC EFP Staff



PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILING REVIEW

PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-11-915

Great River Energy (GRE) filed compliance documents pertaining to the Route Permit issued by the Commission on August 24, 2012, for the Enterprise Park – Crooked Lake 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) project.

This compliance filing included a Transfer of Permit request from GRE to MMPA Transmission LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA).

The following documents were submitted in accordance with the HVTL Route Permit:

| Permit Section | Description | eDocket Number | Date Filed on e-Dockets |
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| Section 7 | Transfer of Permit Request. | 201410-104250-01 201410-104250-02 | October 29, 2014 |
| | Name & description of the person/entity to whom the HVTL permit is requested to be transferred. | 201410-104250-01 201410-104250-02 | October 29, 2014 |
| | Reason for the transfer. | 201410-104250-01 201410-104250-02 | October 29, 2014 |
| | Description of the facilities affected. | 201410-104250-01 201410-104250-02 | October 29, 2014 |
| | Proposed effective date of the transfer. | 201410-104250-01 201410-104250-02 | October 29, 2014 |

On August 24, 2012, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission granted GRE a HVTL Route Permit for the Enterprise Park to Crooked Lake 115-kV transmission line project. The purpose of the project is to provide a second energy source to the existing Enterprise Park Substation in Anoka, Minnesota, via a new approximately 5.8-mile 115-kV transmission line interconnected to the existing Crooked Lake Substation in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Transfer of Permit

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7850.5000 and the Route Permit for Construction of a High-Voltage Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Anoka County, Minnesota (Route Permit) issued by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on August 24, 2012, Great River Energy (GRE) and MMPA Transmission LLC (MMPAT) are jointly requesting that the Commission transfer the HVTL Route Permit from GRE to MMPAT effective as of the date of the closing of the sale of the transmission line assets that are the subject of the Route Permit by GRE to MMPAT, which the Joint Applicants desire to be no later than December 13, 2014.

In requesting the transfer of the Route Permit, GRE and MMPAT are not seeking any changes to the terms or conditions of the Route Permit. Effective as of the closing of the transaction, MMPAT will assume responsibility for the applicable compliance obligations under the Route Permit. GRE will no longer own the Transmission Line, but will act as a service provider to MMPAT. GRE and MMPAT executed a Maintenance Services Agreement effective October 3, 2014, whereby GRE agreed to perform ongoing maintenance and engineering services in connection with the transmission line.

Department staff has reviewed the request and documentation; staff concludes that the contents of this filing are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Route Permit.

Recommendation

EERA is not recommending any additional permit conditions as part of the approval (Minn. Rule 7850.5000, Subp. 2), nor does EERA staff feel a public meeting is necessary (Minn. Rule 7850.5000, Subp. 2).

DOC Staff Recommendation

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| The filing meets applicable permit conditions: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Permit condition requires an action by the Commission: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| EFP suggests filing be brought to the Commission for decision: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minn. Rule 7850.5000, Subp. 2, requires Commission determination. |
| Response letter to permittee is recommended: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minn. Rule 7850.5000, Subp. 2, requires Commission determination. |

William Cole Storm

November 7, 2014

*Energy Environmental Review & Analysis
 MN Dept of Commerce*

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Compliance Review and Comments**

Docket No. ET2/TL-11-915

Dated this 7th day of November 2014

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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