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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Route Permit Minor Alteration Request Submitted by Great River Energy for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties

MPUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-15-204

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Great River Energy, on behalf of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power (“Permittees”), submitted a request for two minor alterations of the route on May 12, 2016. On May 26, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) submitted comments in which it expressed concerns about Minor Alteration 2; DNR had no comments regarding Minor Alteration 1. On June 1, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued a notice accepting comments concerning the minor alteration requests until June 16, 2016. On June 8, 2016, Great River Energy requested that the Commission defer consideration of Minor Alteration 2 pending further consultation with DNR.

Earlier today, Great River Energy met at the alternative substation site with DNR representatives. Our understanding is that DNR has determined the proposed site is disturbed and that, with limited mitigation, the substation can be constructed as proposed in Minor Alteration 2 without resulting in significant changes in the human or environmental impact of the facility. We have been advised that DNR will be separately submitting comments regarding mitigation. Based on the outcome of this meeting, Great River Energy respectfully requests that the Commission proceed with its consideration of both minor alteration requests.

Please contact me at (763) 445-5215 if there are any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

/s/ Marsha Parlow
Marsha Parlow
Transmission Permitting Analyst

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**In the Matter of the Application of Great River
Energy and Minnesota Power for a Route
Permit for the Motley Area 115 kV
Transmission Line Project in Morrison, Cass
and Todd Counties, Minnesota**

**MPUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-15-204;
OAH Docket No. 19-2500-32714**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Mary Ann S. Monahan, of the City of Minneapolis, the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that on the 16th day of June, 2016, she e-filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission the following:

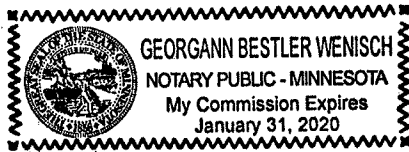
1. Comments Regarding Minor Alteration 2; and,
2. Affidavit of Service.

A copy has also been served in accordance with the attached service list of record.

Mary Ann S. Monahan
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 16th day of June, 2016

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Notary Public



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