



Energy Facility Permitting
85 7th Place East, Ste 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

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MPUC Docket No. ET-2/TL-06-468

Notice of Application by Great River Energy (GRE) for Approval of a Minor Alteration to the RDO Transmission Project in Hubbard County Minnesota

On October 26, 2006, GRE submitted an application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Minor Alteration to the recently approved RDO Transmission Project.

On September 8, 2006, the PUC issued GRE a route permit for the RDO Transmission Project, a 2.5 mile transmission line upgrade and substation modification in Hubbard County. GRE is requesting a change to the permit to allow GRE to place one transmission line structure on the north side of Minnesota Highway 87 – rather than the south side of the highway - near the intersection with 159th Street.

GRE maintains that the proposed change constitutes a Minor Alteration. A Minor Alteration is a change in an existing or permitted transmission line that does not result in significant changes in the human or environmental impact of the facility. In accordance with Minnesota Rule 4400.3820, the PUC is providing notice to the public that GRE applied for approval of this permit change. The PUC will decide after the close of the public comment period whether to authorize the Minor Alteration or to determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

COMMENT PERIOD

The public has until 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 2006, to submit written or fax (651-297-1959) comments on this request for a Minor Alteration. Please include the docket number (i.e., ET-2/TL-06-468) along with any comments submitted. Comments should be directed to: Sharon Ferguson, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 or by e-mail to: sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce project manager: Adam Sokolski, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: 651-296-2096; e-mail: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us

To submit comments or seek further information about this proposed Minor Alteration, contact Adam Sokolski at 651-296-2096 or adam.sokolski@state.mn.us. To review the Minor Alteration request or other documents associated with this project, go to:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18517>