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29 November 2006

Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: Notice of Intent by Minnesota Power and Great River Energy to Submit a Route Permit Application under the Alternative Permitting Process**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Pursuant to Minn. Rules 4400.2000, subp. 2, this letter serves as notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Minnesota Power and Great River Energy intend to submit a Route Permit application for the Tower 115 kV Transmission Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules 4400.2000 to 4400.2750.

The Commission issued a Certificate of Need for the Tower Project on May 25, 2006 (Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-05-867).

It is anticipated that the Route Permit application will be submitted to the Commission in December 2006.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

MINNESOTA POWER

Handwritten signature of Robert E. Lindholm in cursive.

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GREAT RIVER ENERGY

Handwritten signature of Carole L. Schmidt in cursive.

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c: Deborah Pile, DOC

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