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14 August 2008

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

RE: Minor Permit Amendment, Tower 115 kV Project
Docket ET2, E015/TL-06-1624

Dear Dr. Haar:

Great River Energy respectfully submits this minor permit amendment (via eFiling) regarding its current Route Permit for the Tower-Embarrass project. Great River Energy requests a slight change in the alignment that would place the line outside the 300 foot permitted route for approximately 172 feet (and the easement area outside the route for about 443 feet) in Section 9, T61N, R15W of Kugler Township (see attached drawing). The area in question is a spruce/tamarack swamp, and rock was encountered at one foot in the area where a corner structure was to be placed. The corner was redesigned to span the wetland, which resulted in the alignment shift outside of the permitted 300-foot route. The landowner along both the original alignment and this modified alignment is the State of Minnesota.

Great River Energy is proposing this minor change because it will eliminate impacts to the wetland, improve constructability of the line, and eliminate a structure.

Please feel free to give me a call at 763-445-5214 if you have any questions regarding this requested permit amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

Carole L. Schmidt

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Supervisor, Transmission Permitting and Compliance

Attachment

c: Bill Storm, Department of Commerce, OES
Gary Ostrom, Great River Energy
Brent Smolarek, Great River Energy

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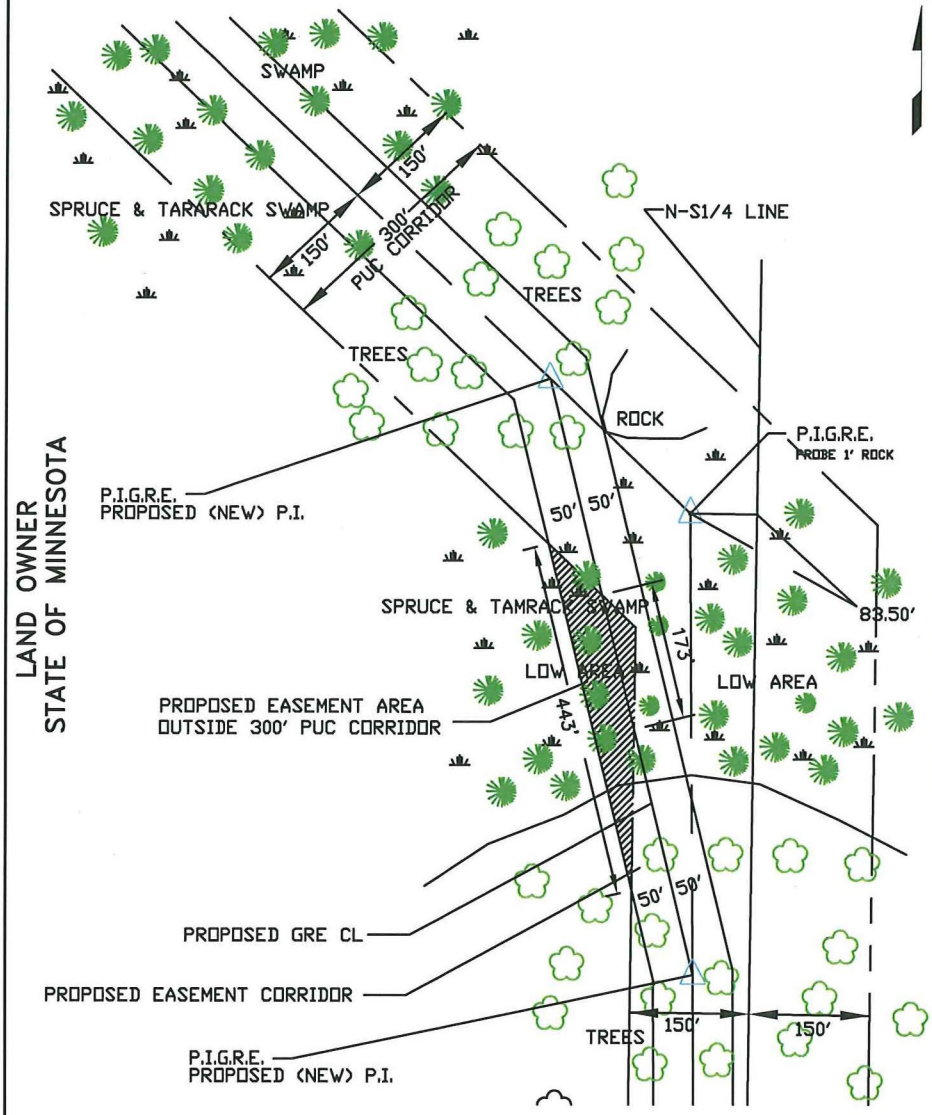


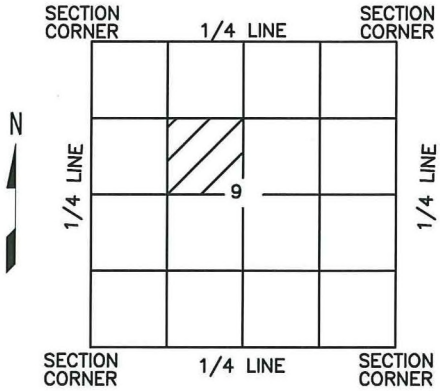


TOWNSHIP/CITY: KUGLER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY: ST. LOUIS COUNTY
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**SECTION PLAN**
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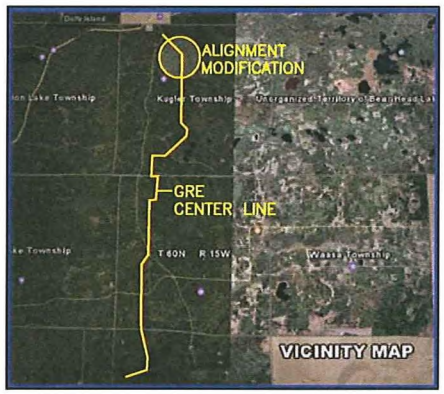


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