



STATE OF MINNESOTA Energy Facility Permitting



Issued: December 16, 2011

NOTICE OF MINOR ALTERATION APPLICATION AND COMMENT PERIOD

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Southdale to Scarcyville 115 kV Transmission Line and Breaker Station

PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-712

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 12, 2011, Great River Energy (GRE) applied to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a minor alteration to the Southdale to Scarcyville 115 kV transmission line project in Cass and Crow Wing counties, Minnesota (eDocket No. 201112-69150-01). The route permit for the project was issued by the Commission on April 9, 2009.

GRE explains in its letter that during final engineering and design of the transmission facility two areas deviated from the permitted route and that it is seeking authorization from the Commission to make the requested changes. The first requested deviation is located at Structure 38 in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 17, T133N, R29W (Maps 1 and 1a). GRE states that there was a need to shift the transmission alignment and right-of-way east to avoid an existing distribution system in the area. The second requested deviation is located at Structures 105 to 107 in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 23, T133N, R29W along the east side of the border running north-south between sections 22 and 23 (Maps 2 and 2a). GRE maintains that there was a need to shift the transmission structures and right-of-way east to avoid locating the structures within the 200-foot shoreland buffer around Island Lake.

Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff, on behalf of the Commission, is providing notice of GRE's request for a minor alteration and associated comment period. At the close of the comment period, the Commission will decide whether to authorize a minor alteration or determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

Comment Period

Comments will be accepted on this application for a minor alteration until **December 30, 2011**. Comments are sought on whether the proposed project is a minor alteration, and conditions that may be appropriate should the project be authorized as a minor alteration. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email; please include the docket number (08-712) on all comments. Comments should be submitted to: Scott Ek, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; fax: 651-297-7891; email: scott.ek@state.mn.us.

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Project Information

Information about this project is available on the Commission's energy facility permitting website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19661>, and on the eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>, search on the year "08" and number "712." Additionally, you may contact the EFP state permit manager, Scott Ek, phone: (651) 296-8813, e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us.



- Great River Energy CW-SS 115-kV Line
- Structures
 - Transmission Centerline
 - Easement Area
 - Permitted Route Area
 - Non-permitted easement area

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Map Projection:
UTM, NAD83, Zone15, Meters



**Southdale to Scarcyville
115 kV Transmission
Project:
Map 1**



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**Southdale to
Scarcyville
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Map 1a**



T133N R29W

City of Baxter

SEC:22

SEC:23

SEC:27

SEC:26

Island Lake

Red River Rd

Red River Rd

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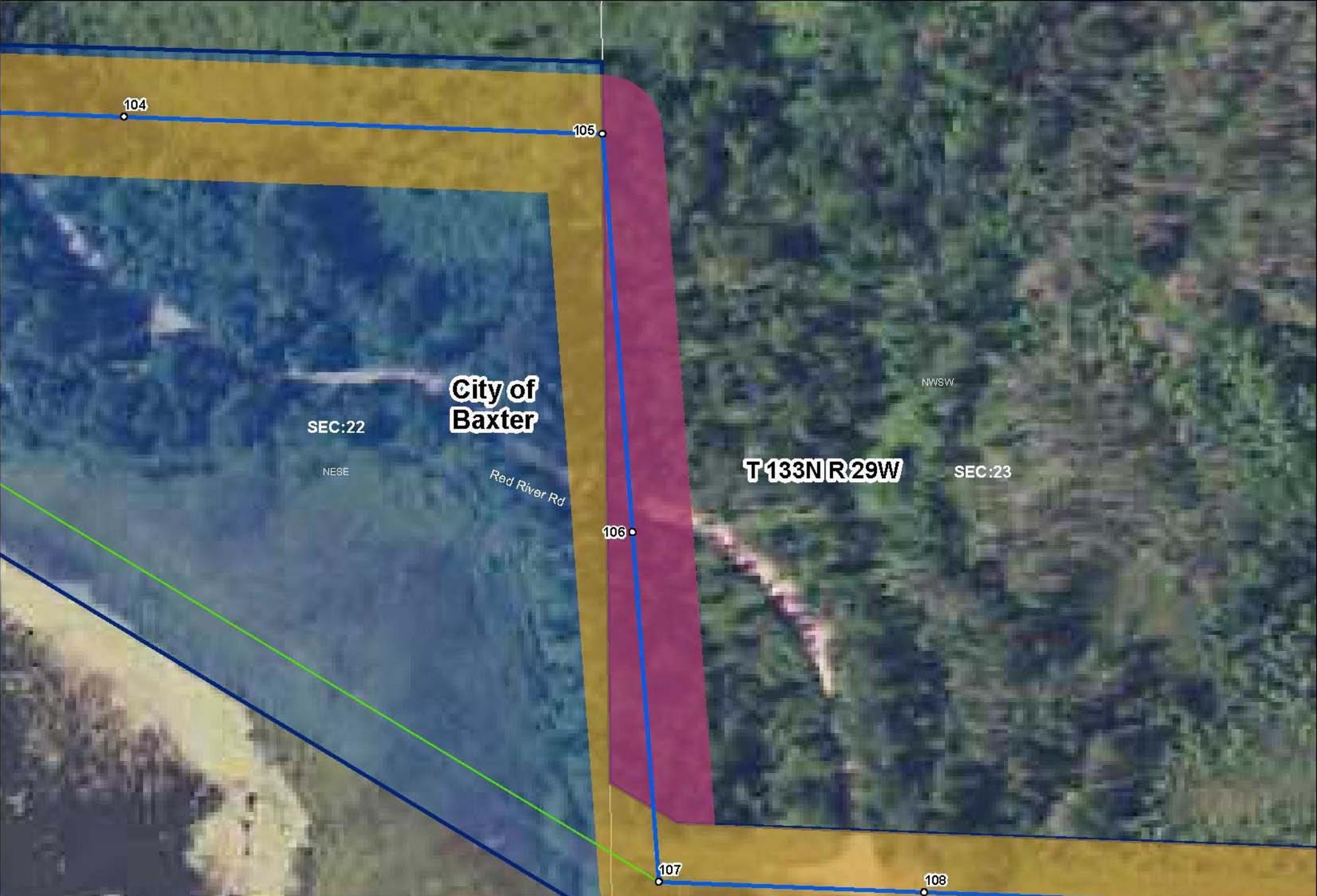
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**Southdale to
Searcyville
115 kV Transmission
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Map 2**



- Great River Energy CW-SS 115-kV Line
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Map 2a**