



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Potato Lake 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

PUC Docket Number: ET2/TL-10-86

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security (OES) will hold a public hearing on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the route permit application by Great River Energy for a proposed 115 kV transmission line and new substation. The public hearing will be held at the time and location listed below. The hearing will run no later than 9:00 p.m. and may conclude earlier if all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been completed.

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, September 29, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Century Middle School
501 Helten Avenue
Park Rapids, Minnesota 56470

Project Description. Great River Energy proposes to construct a new 7.25-mile 115 kV single-circuit overhead transmission line and 115 kV substation in Hubbard County, Minnesota. The line would connect the newly proposed Potato Lake Substation to be located in Arago Township to a tap point on Great River Energy's existing Mantrap Sub Tap 34.5 kV transmission line in Lake Emma Township. The new 115 kV transmission facility line would initially be operated at 34.5 kV until conversion to 115 kV becomes necessary (*See Figure*).

Environmental Assessment. The OES Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff has completed an environmental assessment (EA) on the proposed project. The EA addresses the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. Electronic versions of the EA and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing and download on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website or the eDockets website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=26124>

or

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (Search "10" Year and "86" Number).

Conduct of Hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statute 216E.04, subdivision 6, and Minnesota Rule 7850.3800. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of EFP staff and Great River Energy and to offer oral and written comments and submit material into the record. The Honorable Kathleen Sheehy, Administrative Law Judge, will preside over the hearing.

Comment period. The record will remain open until **4:30 p.m., Monday, October 11, 2010**, for interested persons to submit written comments to the Administrative Law Judge. Comments must be submitted directly to Judge Sheehy at:

The Honorable Kathleen Sheehy
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620
Fax: (651) 361-7900
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The Administrative Law Judge will provide EFP staff a written summary of testimony given at the hearing along with comments received during the prescribed comment period. The Commission will make a final decision on the route permit application after receipt of the complete record.

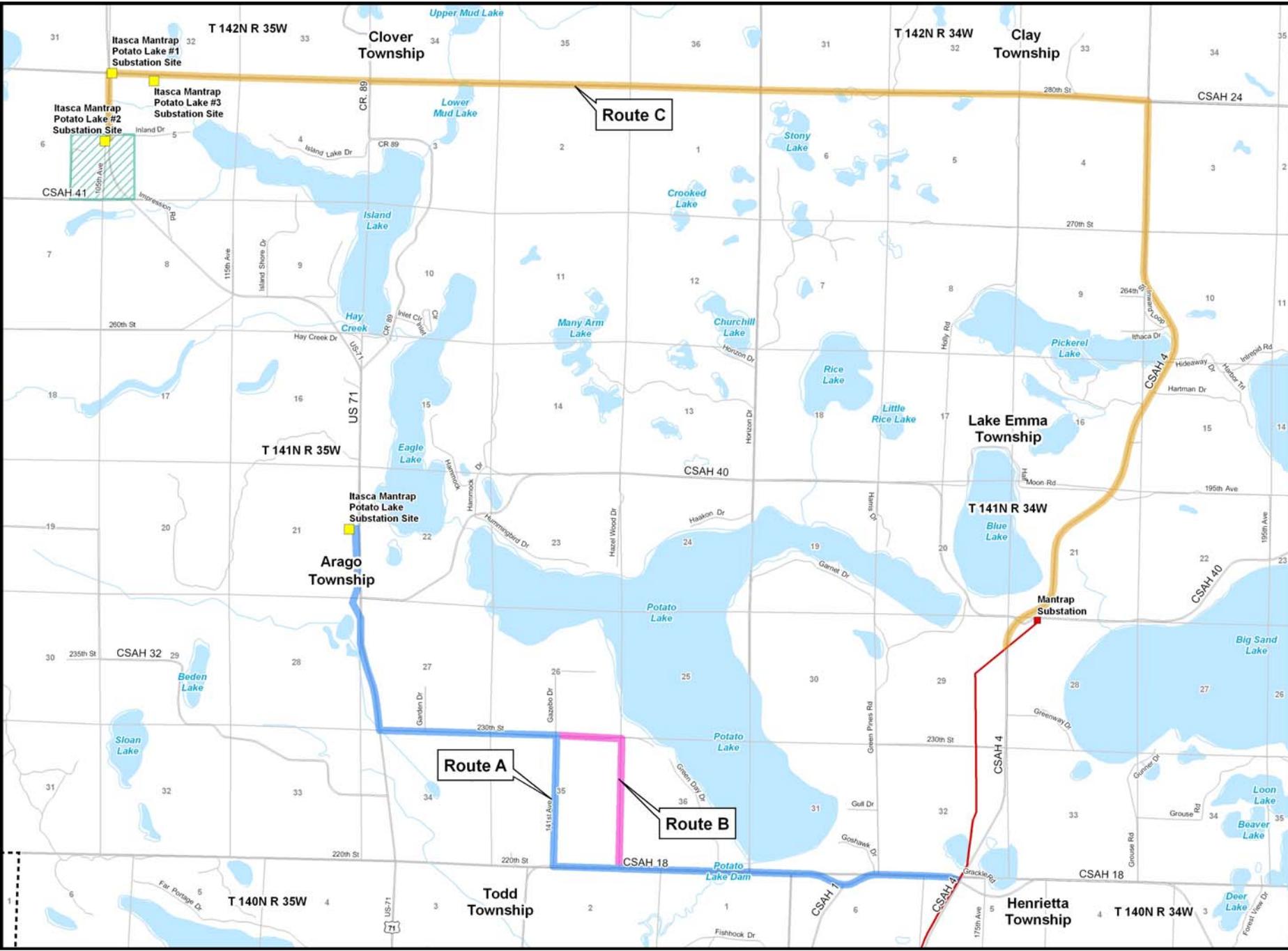
Additional Information. For more information about the process, the project, or to place your name on the project mailing list, please contact:

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Mailing List. Any person may add his or her name to the mailing list maintained by OES EFP for future mailings pertaining to this project. If you would like to receive notice of the Commission's final decision in this matter please add your name to the mailing list. Names can be added to the list by contacting the project manager or by registering on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=26124>.

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- Proposed Itasca-Mantrap (IM)
 - Distribution Substation
 - Property For Sale
 - Existing Itasca-Mantrap
 - Distribution Substation
- Proposed Great River Energy (GRE)
 - Route A
 - Route B
 - Route C
- Existing Great River Energy
 - 34.5 kV Transmission Line
- Land Base Features
 - Road Centerline
 - Lakes and Rivers
 - PLS Section Lines

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Data Sources Vary Between MNDOT, MNDNR, MNGEO and Great River Energy

Map Projection: UTM, NAD83, Zone15, Meters

**Potato Lake
115 kV Transmission
Line & Substation
Project:**

**Depiction of
Routes**