



February 3, 2012

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
GRE/MP's Savanna HVTL Project
Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-10-1307

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the comments and recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff in the above stated matter.

GRE/MP proposes to construct the new Savanna 115 kilovolt (kV) Switching Station near Floodwood, Minnesota, and to rebuild approximately 37 total miles of existing 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV specifications between:

- Lake Country Power's existing Cedar Valley Substation and the new Savanna Switching Station, and
- The Savanna Switching Station, Lake Country Power's existing Gowan Substation, and Great River Energy's existing Cromwell Substation.

The Department is providing you with:

- A. Comments and Recommendations;
- B. Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
- C. Proposed HVTL Route Permit

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

William Cole Storm, DOC EFP Staff

Enclosures