



## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DATE: April 13, 2011  
TO: Service List  
FROM: Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary  
DOCKET: ET-2, E-015/CN-10-973

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Burl W. Haar", is written over the "FROM:" line.

SUBJECT: In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line in St. Louis and Carlton Counties -- Comments on the Merits

RE: **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIODS**

**Take Note** that on February 11, 2011 Great River Energy and Minnesota Power (collectively, the Applicants) filed a certificate of need application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the 'Savanna' project which includes the rebuilding of approximately 37 miles of 69 kV transmission to 115 kV in St. Louis and Carlton Counties.

The proposed transmission facility is a "large energy facility" in Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, Subd. 2 (3) because it has a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more with more than ten miles of its length in Minnesota or that crosses a state line. In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 2, the facility cannot be constructed or sited in Minnesota unless the Commission issues a certificate of need.

The certificate of need rules pertaining to the review of this filing are in Minn. Rules Chapter 7849. On April 12, 2011 the Commission accepted the Application as complete as of the filing date. In the Order, the Commission noted the apparent absence of disputed material facts and ordered an informal review process under Minn. Rules 7829.1200. This order and other documents associated with the need application can be viewed at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) by clicking "Search eDockets" then enter the "year" (10) and the "docket number" (973).

The Commission will accept comments on the merits of the proposed project, particularly whether there are any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the Application through **Friday, May 20, 2011** and replies through **Friday, June 17, 2011**. Comments should be *filed electronically* via eDockets at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling> and be addressed to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff person Bret Eknes at (651) 201-2236 or e-mail at [bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:bret.eknes@state.mn.us) or Tricia DeBleekere at (651) 201-2254 or e-mail at [tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us](mailto:tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us).

*This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio) by calling 651.296.0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1.800.627.3529 or by dialing 711.*

[www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us)

PHONE (651) 296-7124 • FAX (651) 297-7073 • TDD (651) 297-1200 • 121 7th PLACE EAST • SUITE 350 • SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101-2147

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robin Rice, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

### **Minnesota Public Utilities Commission NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

Docket Number  
ET-2,E-015/CN-10-973

Dated this 13th day of April, 2011

/s/ Robin Rice

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Julia	Anderson	Julia.Anderson@state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012131	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Christopher	Anderson	canderson@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 W Superior St  Duluth, MN 558022191	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Douglas	Benson	douglas.benson@state.mn.us	Department of Health	PO Box 64975  Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Michael	Bradley	bradley@moss-barnett.com	Moss & Barnett	4800 Wells Fargo Ctr 90 S 7th St Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Linda	Chavez	linda.chavez@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500  Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Randall	Doneen	randall.doneen@dnr.state.mn.us	Department of Natural Resources	500 Lafayette Road  St. Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Sharon	Ferguson	sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500  Saint Paul, MN 551012198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Jeff	Freeman	Jeff.Freeman@state.mn.us	DEED	1st National Bank Bldg 332 Minnesota St Saint Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Edward	Garvey	garveyed@aol.com		32 Lawton Street  St. Paul, MN 55102	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Travis	Germundson	travis.germundson@state.mn.us		520 Lafayette Rd  Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Elizabeth	Goodpaster	bgoodpaster@mncenter.org	MN Center for Environmental Advocacy	Suite 206 26 East Exchange Street St. Paul, MN 551011667	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Burl W.	Haar	burl.haar@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	Suite 350 121 7th Place East St. Paul, MN 551012147	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Margaret	Hodnik	mhodnik@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street  Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Lori	Hoyum	lhoyum@mnpower.com	Minnesota Power	30 West Superior Street  Duluth, MN 55802	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
John A.	Knapp	jknapp@winthrop.com	Winthrop & Weinstine	Suite 3500 225 South Sixth Street Minneapolis, MN 554024629	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Michael	Krikava	mkrikava@briggs.com	Briggs And Morgan, P.A.	2200 IDS Center80 South 8th Street  Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Karen	Kromar	karen.kromar@state.mn.us	MN Pollution Control Agency	520 Lafayette Rd  Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
James D.	Larson		Avant Energy Services	200 S 6th St Ste 300  Minneapolis, MN 55402	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Douglas	Larson	djarson@dakotaelectric.com	Dakota Electric Association	4300 220th St W  Farmington, MN 55024	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Robert S	Lee	RSL@MCMLAW.COM	Mackall Crouse & Moore Law Offices	1400 AT&T Tower 901 Marquette Ave Minneapolis, MN 554022859	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
John	Lindell	agorud.ecf@state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	900 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012130	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Mark	Lindquist		The Minnesota Project	1026 North Washington Street  New Ulm, MN 56073	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Pam	Marshall	pam@energycents.org	Energy CENTS Coalition	823 7th St E  St. Paul, MN 55106	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
David	Moeller	dmoeller@allete.com	Minnesota Power	30 W Superior St  Duluth, MN 558022093	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Andrew	Moratzka	apm@mcmlaw.com	Mackall, Crouse and Moore	1400 AT&T Tower 901 Marquette Ave Minneapolis, MN 55402	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Jenny L.	Myers	jmyers@iwla.org	Izaak Walton League of America	1619 Dayton Ave. Suite 202 St. Paul, MN 55104	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Carl	Nelson	cnelson@mncee.org	Center for Energy and Environment	212 3rd Ave N Ste 560  Minneapolis, MN 55401	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Margaret	Olson	maiolson@nd.gov	ND Office of Atty. Gen.	500 N. 9th St.  Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-4509	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Thomas L.	Osteraas	tomosteraas@excelsiorenergy.com	Excelsior Energy	10900 Wayzata Blvd Ste 200  Minnetonka, MN 55305	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Bob	Patton	bob.patton@state.mn.us	MN Department of Agriculture	625 Robert St N  Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Jennie	Ross	jennie.ross@state.mn.us		395 John Ireland Blvd MS 620  Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Carole	Schmidt	cschmidt@greenergy.com	Great River Energy	12300 Elm Creek Boulevard  Maple Grove, MN 553694718	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Matthew J.	Schuerger P.E.		Energy Systems Consulting Services, LLC	P.O. Box 16129  St. Paul, MN 55116	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Robert H.	Schulte	rhs@schulteassociates.com	Schulte Associates LLC	15347 Boulder Pointe Road  Eden Prairie, MN 55347	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Mrg	Simon	mrgsimon@mrenergy.com	Missouri River Energy Services	3724 W. Avera Drive P.O. Box 88920 Sioux Falls, SD 571098920	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Ron	Spangler, Jr.	rspangler@otpc.com	Otter Tail Power Company	215 So. Cascade St. PO Box 496 Fergus Falls, MN 565380496	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Eric	Swanson	eswanson@winthrop.com	Winthrop Weinstine	225 S 6th St Ste 3500 Capella Tower Minneapolis, MN 554024629	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Laurance R.	Waldoch		Lindquist & Vennum	4200 IDS Center 80 South 8th Street Minneapolis, MN 554022274	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973
Robyn	Woeste	robynwoeste@alliantenergy.com	Interstate Power and Light Company	P.O. Box 351 200 First St SE Cedar Rapids, IA 524060351	Paper Service	No	OFF_SL_10-973_CN-10-973