



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DATE: February 17, 2011

TO: Service List

FROM: Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary 

DOCKET: ET-2, E-015/CN-10-973

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 – Completeness

RE: **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIODS**

Take Note that on February 10, 2011 Great River Energy and Minnesota Power (Applicants) filed a certificate of need application (CN) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for rebuilding approximately 16 miles of single circuit 69 kV to 115 kV and 21 miles of 69 kV to double circuit 115/69 kV. The proposal is known as the Savanna project. The Applicants indicate the project is intended to deliver electric power to a particular load center.

The proposed project falls under the definition of “large energy facility” in Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, Subd. 2 (3) because it has a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more and is longer than 10 miles. Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 2, no large energy facility can be sited or constructed in Minnesota without the issuance of a CN by the Commission. The operable rules for this application are found in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7849.

The Commission will accept written comments on the completeness of the application through **Monday, March 7, 2011** and replies through **Friday, March 18, 2011**.

Comments should be *filed electronically* via the Commission’s eDockets system 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.

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIODS**

Docket Number **ET-2,E-015/CN-10-973**
Dated this **17th** day of **February, 2011**

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