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Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: Comments and Recommendations of the Department of Commerce
Great River Energy & Minnesota Power Little Falls 115 kV Transmission Project
Docket No. ET-2, E015/TL-11-318

Dear Dr. Haar:

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

GRE and Minnesota Power propose to construct approximately 3.8 miles of new 115 kV transmission line between the Minnesota Power Little Falls Substation and the Crow Wing Power Little Falls Substation. The proposed project would also modify both substations to accommodate the new transmission line and expand the Crow Wing Power Little Falls Substation by approximately 0.1 acres.

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

The site permit application was filed on June 16, 2011, by:

Marsha Parlow
Great River Energy
12300 Elm Creek Boulevard
Maple Grove, MN 55369

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer
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Attachments