STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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FROM: Burl Haar, Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy for the Parkers Prairie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Otter Tail County, Minnesota

DATE: June 27, 2012

RE: **NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS**

On October 24, 2011, Great River Energy, (GRE) filed an application for a route permit for the Parkers Prairie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Otter Tail County, Minnesota ("Project") . The Project was filed pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to7850.3900.

The proposed Project includes upgrading approximately 2.1 miles of 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to 115 kV and associated substation modifications near the city of Parkers Prairie in Otter Tail County.

On June 18, 2012 the Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting Unit's *Comments and Recommendations, Proposed Findings of Fact* and *Proposed Route Permit*.

At this point in the review process, the Commission will accept comments on the Department of Commerce Energy Facilities Permitting Unit's *Comments and Recommendations, Proposed Findings of Fact* and *Proposed Permit*. Initial comments will be accepted through **July 9, 2012** and replies through **July 19, 2012**. Commission staff will review the comments submitted, and issue a briefing paper on the Project before the Commission makes its final decision. Exceptions submitted by the public may be submitted to Publiccomments.puc@state.mn.us, eFiling, or addressed to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101. Parties, agencies, and other non-public entities should eFile using the Commission's eDockets system available at www.puc.state.mn.us.

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