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## **NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY**

### **In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Hubbard, Wadena, and Becker Counties, Minnesota**

**Docket Numbers: ET2, E015/TL-14-787 and ET2, E015/TL-14-797**

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Menahga Area 115 kV transmission line project in the Minnesota counties of Hubbard, Wadena, and Becker.

The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and methods to avoid and mitigate such impacts, including route and site alternatives.

Electronic versions of the EA, maps of the proposed project, and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33985>, and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "14" and the number "787" or "797").

Print copies of the EA will be available at the following locations:

- Menahga City Hall, 115 2nd Street NW, Menahga, MN 56564
- Park Rapids Library, 210 1st Street West, Park Rapids, MN 56470
- Sebeka City Hall, 213 Minnesota Ave. West, Sebeka, MN 56477
- Wadena Library, 304 1st Street SW, Wadena, MN 56482

A public hearing for the project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 19, 2015, at the Menahga Senior Center in Menahga, Minnesota. Notice of the hearing will be issued separately and will be available on the above-noted websites.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, contact the Department's environmental review manager for this project, Ray Kirsch, 651-539-1841, [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us). Tracy Smetana is the public advisor for this project. Contact Ms. Smetana at 651-296-0406 (1-800-657-3782), [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us).

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