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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON COMPLETENESS OF
CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Issued: March 23, 2015

**In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a
Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project
in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties, Minnesota**

PUC Docket Number/s: ET2, E015/CN-14-853; ET2, E015/TL-15-204

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes April 6, 2015 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes April 13, 2015 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Does the certificate of need application contain the information required by Minnesota Rules parts 7849.0240 and 7849.0260 through 7849.0340?
- Does the route permit application contain the information required by Minnesota Rules part 7850.1900?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?
- Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force?

Project Background: On March 19, 2015, Great River Energy and Minnesota Power filed a combined certificate of need and route permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to construct a new 15.5-16.5 mile, 115 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line and associated facilities in Morrison, Cass and Todd counties. The project is intended to address transmission system overload issues and to serve a new substation.

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