

APPENDIX B

LANDOWNER SURVEY RESPONSES TO SURVEY



CITY OF NORTH MANKATO

December 21, 2011

Burnett Properties, LLLP
39847 US Highway 14
North Mankato, MN 56003

**RE: Survey on Proposed Substation and 115 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line
Located in North Mankato and Belgrade Township in Nicollet County,
Minnesota**

Dear Sir:

Great River Energy is proposing a 115 kV transmission project in North Mankato, Minnesota. The project is a transmission line to support a new substation that Benco Electric Cooperative will construct at the west end of Carlson Drive in the Northport Industrial Park. The new substation is necessary to serve the expected increase in electric load growth in the area.

Great River Energy is planning to build 1.1 miles of 115 kV transmission line. The line is located in the City of North Mankato and Belgrade Township, along Sections 2 and 3, T108N, R27W in Nicollet County. The line is to connect to the existing Xcel Energy 115 kV line between South Bend and Wilmarth substations and will be permitted, designed and constructed to 115 kV standards (see attached map).

Great River Energy will construct the transmission line within utility easements previously granted by area landowners. The new line will be constructed with galvanized steel poles that will be 70 to 90 feet in height. The spacing between the new poles will be approximately 350 to 450 feet.

Great River Energy is seeking approval for the project from the City of North Mankato. As part of the permitting process, the City of North Mankato must prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project and afford the public an opportunity to participate in the development of the scope of the EA before it is prepared.

This survey is intended to allow the public to comment on the project and provide input on the content of the EA. A preliminary Table of Contents for the EA is attached as a starting point for what should be covered in the EA. We encourage you to provide comments on the project and additional topics you want to see addressed in the EA.

Great River Energy has requested environmental review of the project by several federal and state agencies. The status of those reviews is provided below:



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United States Corps of Engineers – there do not appear to be wetlands present within the proposed transmission line corridor or within the area of the proposed substation.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service – there are no federally listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat within the action area of the proposed project.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – there are no known occurrences of rare features within an approximate one mile radius of the project.

Minnesota Historical Society – there are no proposed properties listed in the National or State Registers of Historic Places, and no known or suspected archaeological properties in the area that will be affected by this project.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (aviation issues) – the proposed line will not penetrate the airspace of public airports in the area.

Thank you for your input on this project. Please return your survey form in the self-addressed envelope provided by January 13, 2012.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF NORTH MANKATO



Michael Fischer
City Planner

Enclosures

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE NORTHPORT TRANSMISSION PROJECT:

I HAVE NO COMMENTS ON THE NORTHPORT TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Independent School District 77
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001

Camelot Park of North Mankato
2101 Excalibur Road
North Mankato, MN 56003

Taylor Corporation
P.O. Box 3728
North Mankato, MN 56003

LJP Enterprises
2160 Ringhofer Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Rash and Associates
P.O. Box 260888
Plano, TX 75026-0888

Alliance Pipeline
1990 Lookout Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Camelot Park of North Mankato
1935 LorRay Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Evangelical Covenant Church
2000 Howard Drive West
North Mankato, MN 56003

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Timm Farms, Inc.
108 Emerald Court
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No responses to the survey were received.

