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25 July 2008

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

SUBJECT: Chandler Transmission Line Upgrade

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. § 216E.05, subd. 3, this letter, filed via e-filing, serves as the required notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Great River Energy has elected to seek local approval to upgrade one mile of 69 kilovolt (kV) line to 115 kV near Chandler in Murray County, Minnesota.

Due to the age and reliability concerns of this segment of line, it is imperative that it be rebuilt as soon as possible. To meet current load growth and anticipated future demand for additional generation outlets in this area, this line will be designed and constructed to operate at 115 kV.

The project is located in Section 18, T105N, R42W, and it will generally follow the same route as the existing 69 kV transmission line. A project description/site map is enclosed for your information.

Great River Energy intends to permit the project through Murray County. A Conditional Use Permit application for the project was submitted to the county on July 21, 2008. Murray County has been informed that it has 60 days to refer the permitting process to the Commission.

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Questions regarding this project should be directed to Jean Christoffels, Murray County Environmental Services Department, at 507-836-6148 Ext. 160; Michelle Lommel of Great River Energy at 763-445-5977; or me at 763-445-5215. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY



Marsha Parlow
Transmission Permitting Analyst

Enclosure

cc: Affidavit of service on: General List of Interested Persons – w/encl.
Jean Christoffels, Murray County Environmental Services – w/encl.
Deborah Pile, Department of Commerce – w/encl.

Chandler to Chandler 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild



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Project Need

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to Nobles Cooperative Electric and 27 other distribution cooperatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin, is planning to reconstruct and upgrade one mile of existing 69 kV (69,000 volt) overhead electric transmission line to a 115 kV (115,000 volt) transmission line. The line is located along the south side of Section 18 of Fenton Township in Murray County. Due to the age and reliability concerns of this segment of line, it is necessary for it to be rebuilt as soon as possible. To meet current load growth and anticipated future demand for additional generation outlets in this area, this line will also be designed and constructed to operate at 115 kV. It will continue to be operated at 69 kV into the near future.

Planned Project (Shown on Map on Back)

The reconstructed segment of line will consist of a single circuit transmission line on the north side of 31st Street that will tie into an existing two-pole structure in the southwest corner of Section 18 and continue easterly for one mile, where the line will attach to an existing steel pole owned by Xcel Energy that is located in the southeast corner of Section 17.

Poles will be single-pole structures (see representative photo at right) and will generally be 65 to 75 feet in height and will be located two to three feet off of the township road right-of-way on private property. Guy wires and anchors may be required in some areas, although they will be minimized to the extent possible to reduce the impact on agricultural activities. The single circuit transmission lines will carry three energized wires and one non-energized shield wire for lightning protection.

As pole locations of the reconstructed line will be on private property, it will be necessary for Great River Energy to acquire new easements from landowners that will allow transmission line poles on the property. The majority of the easement area will still be available for use by the landowner for farming activities, drainage systems, underground utilities and access drives. A fair offer of compensation will be presented to landowners along with the easement.

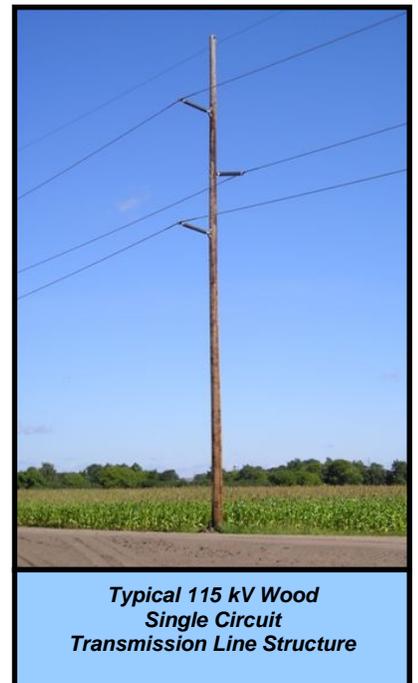
The project will be permitted locally through Murray County.

Project Schedule

Project Permitting.....	Spring/Summer 2008
Easement Acquisition.....	Spring/Summer 2008
Construction Start.....	Summer 2008

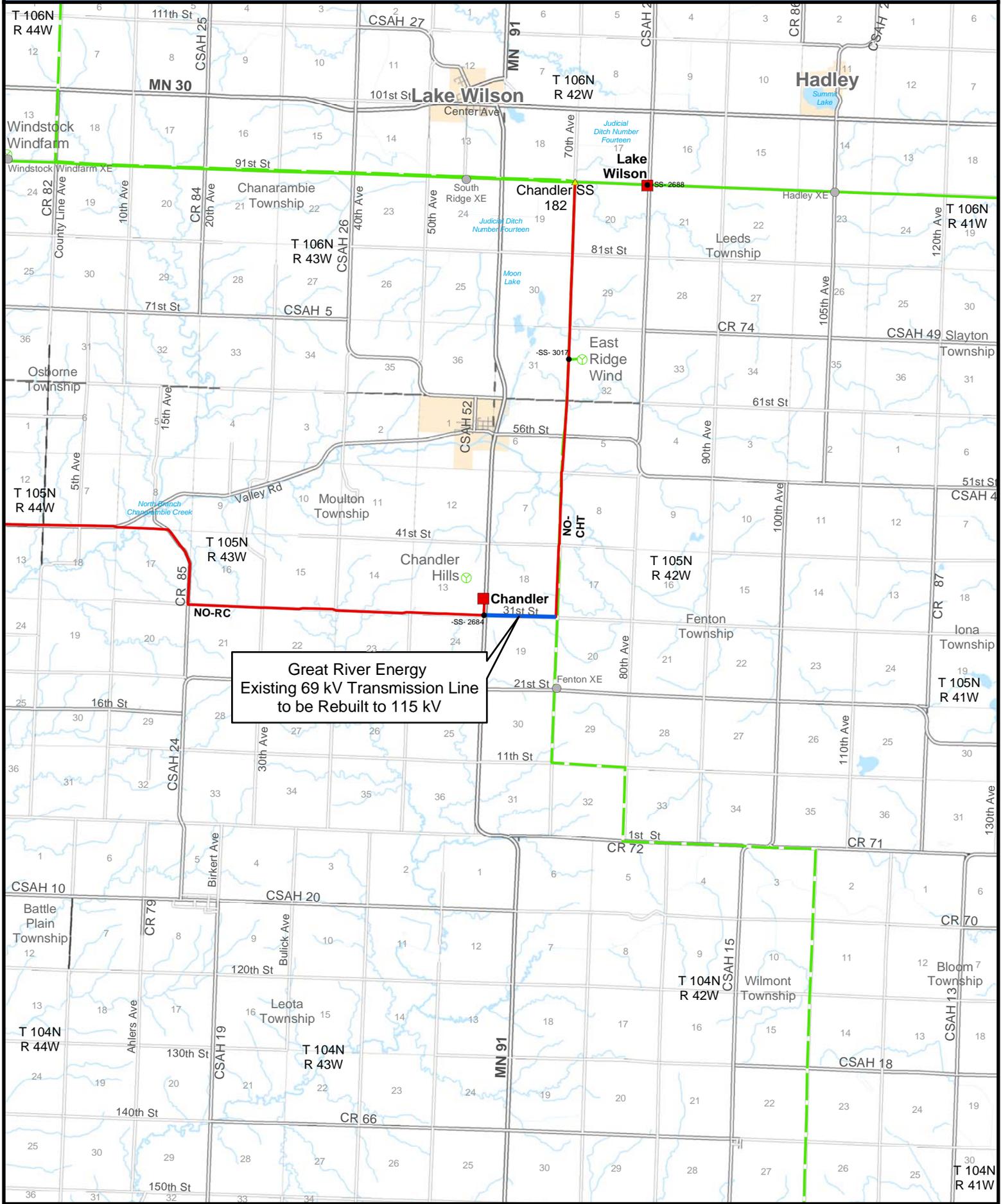
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*Typical 115 kV Wood
Single Circuit
Transmission Line Structure*

PROJECT MAP



Great River Energy
Existing 69 kV Transmission Line
to be Rebuilt to 115 kV