

March 8, 2002

Ms. Mary Jo Roth, Manager
Environmental Services
Great River Energy
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RE: Acceptance of Site Permit Application
Great River Energy (GRE)
Saint Bonifacius Station, Carver County, Minnesota
EQB Docket #02-34-PPS-GRE

Dear Ms. Roth:

On March 1, 2002, Great River Energy (GRE) filed an application with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) regarding an upgrade of GRE's Saint Bonifacius peaking station.

MEQB staff has reviewed your application and has concluded that your application is consistent with the requirements of Minn. Stat. Section 116C.57, subd 2a and that the application will be reviewed pursuant to the Alternative Review process procedures of Minn. Stat. Section 116C.575.

Based upon the MEQB staff recommendation, I am accepting the GRE application for the Saint Bonifacius Station upgrade.

I have determined not to appoint a citizens advisory task force for this project.

Mr. William Storm of the MEQB staff will be the board's project manager for this project and you can direct any future questions to him. Mr. Larry Hartman of the MEQB staff will serve as the public advisor for this project.

We look forward to working with GRE to fully address any issues that may be raised in review of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gene Hugoson, Chair
Environmental Quality Board

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