

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: December 19, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Areas in Scott and Rice Counties, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number/s: ET2/TL-12-1245

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 29, 2016 by 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes January 3, 2017 by 4:30pm

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Does the record or request for route permit transfer sufficiently contain the information outlined in Minn. Rule 7850.5000 and the route permit?
- Does the record show sufficient reason to determine that Xcel Energy will comply with the conditions of the route permit?
- Should the Commission impose reasonable additional conditions as part of the approval?
- Should the Commission authorize a route permit transfer from Great River Energy to Xcel Energy?
- Should the Commission take any other action?

Project Background: On August 5, 2014, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issued a route permit in Commission docket ET2/TL-12-1245 for Great River Energy. Great River Energy proposed to construct approximately 5.4 miles of new double circuit 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and to rebuild approximately 11.3 miles of existing 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV specifications in Scott and Rice counties, Minnesota. On December 13, 2016, Great River Energy and Xcel Energy requested the Commission authorize the transfer a portion of the route permit issued on August 5, 2014 from Great River Energy to Xcel Energy effective no later than January 31, 2017.

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