

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: June 7, 2019

In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line to Accommodate the Lake Eunice Substation Conversion

PUC Docket Number: ET2/TL-19-311

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes June 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Topics for Comment:

- Does the route permit application contain the information required under Minn. R. 7850.3100?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the route permit application?
- Should an advisory task force be appointed?
- Are there any additional procedural requirements that should be considered?

Background: On June 4, 2019, Great River Energy (GRE) filed a route permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for its proposed 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and Lake Eunice Substation conversion project. As described in the application, the project involves removing a 0.8-mile segment of GRE's existing 10.24-mile 41.6 kV LR-LET transmission line between the Lake Eunice Substation and GRE's LR-CF 115 kV transmission line and constructing a new 115 kV transmission line in its place. GRE is requesting approval of a 200-foot-wide route centered on the existing 41.6 kV transmission line alignment and a 400-foot-wide route around the Lake Eunice Substation. The final right-of-way for the new 115 kV transmission line would be 90 feet wide.

The project also includes (1) GRE removing the northern 2.85 miles of the 41.6 kV LR-LET transmission line from the Audubon Switch to Structure 161; and (2) Lakes Region Electric

Cooperative modifying its Lake Eunice Substation, both to be accomplished under the jurisdiction of Becker County. Upon completion GRE would own the new 0.8-mile 115 kV transmission line and Lakes Region Electric Cooperative would own the Lake Eunice Substation and the remaining 6.59 miles of the 41.6 kV LR-LET transmission line.

A copy of the application is available on the Commission's eDocket system: [GRE's Route Permit Application for the Lake Eunice 115 kV Transmission Conversion Project](#).

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