

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

*Issued: May 13, 2016*

**In the Matter of the Application by Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for Route Permit for a 115 kV Transmission Line near Motley, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Number/s: ET2, E015/TL-15-204**

**Comment Period:** Comments accepted through May 27, 2016 at 4:30pm

*Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

### **Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Does the request meet the definition of a minor alteration under Minnesota Rules 7850.4800?
- Should the Commission approve the minor alteration request?
- If the minor alteration is approved, should any conditions be required?

**Project Background:** On March 23, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issued a high-voltage transmission line route permit for the Motley Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project authorizing Great River Energy and Minnesota Power to construct and operate an approximately 16 mile 115 kV transmission line and associated facilities in the Motley Area.

On May 13, 2016, Great River Energy applied to the Commission for two minor alterations to the approved transmission line route. The minor alterations require approval for modifications to the Permitted Route, the first is to address a landowner concern regarding transmission line placement on their property and the second is to accommodate construction of the substation near the existing Crow Wing Power substation, as shown on the attached map.

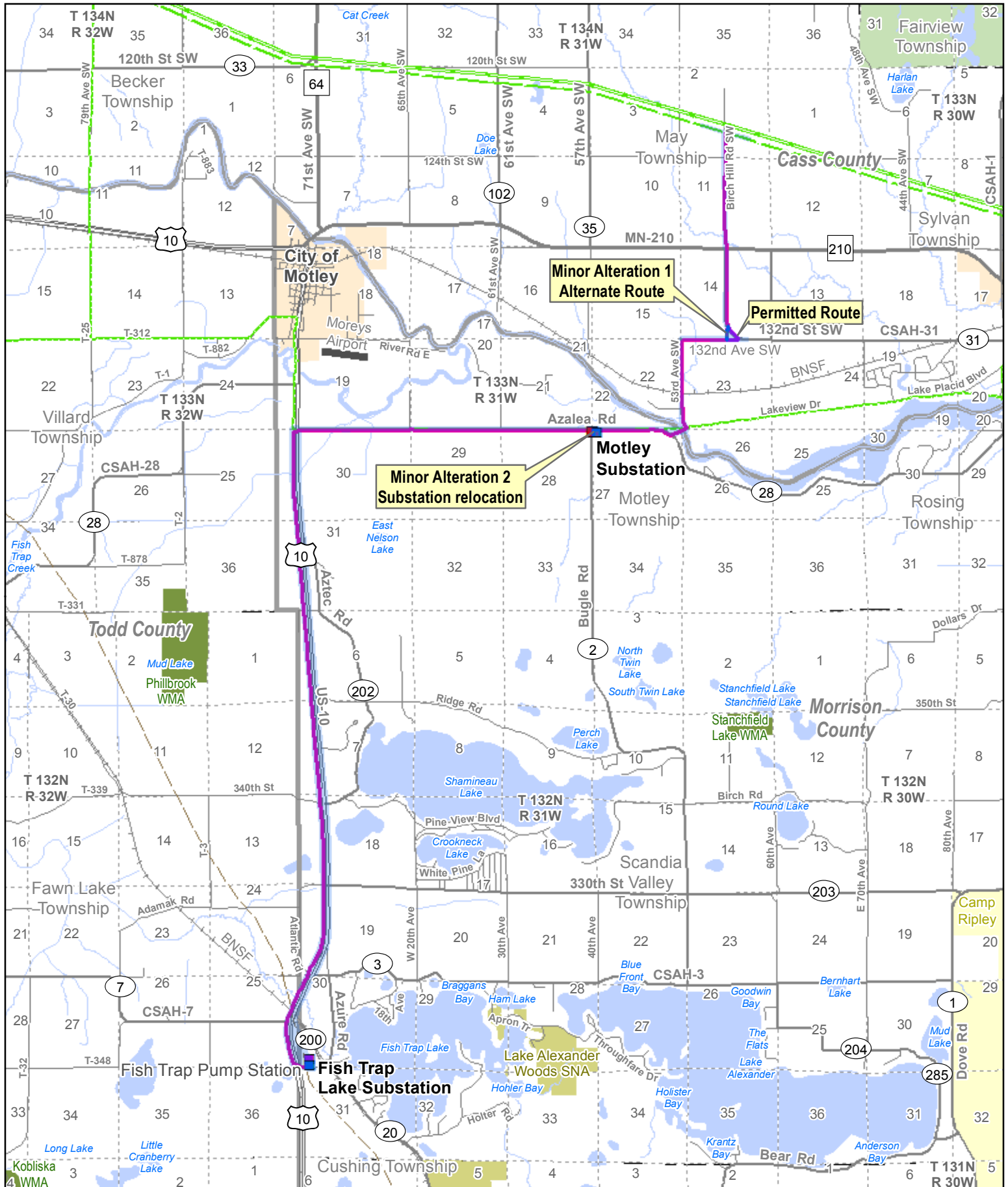
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- Great River Energy
- Anticipated alignment 115 kV transmission line
- Proposed alignment - Minor Alteration 1
- Original alignment
- Permitted route
- Alternate route - Minor Alteration 1

- Minnesota Power
- Existing 34.5 kV transmission line
- Existing 115 kV transmission line
- Existing 230 kV transmission line
- Crow Wing Power
- Proposed substation - Minor Alteration 2
- Existing substation

- Minnesota Pipe Line
  - Proposed pump station
  - Existing pipeline
- GIS data sources: MNGEO, MNDNR, MNDOT, and Great River Energy
- 0 1 2 Miles



**Motley Area  
115 kV Project  
Route Permit  
Minor Alterations  
Exhibit A**

Updated: 5/12/2016