

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Great River Energy
230 kV Reroute/Ramsey, Benson Ctys
Application

Case No. PU-2149-00-605

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

January 10, 2001

On January 5, 2001 Great River Energy (GRE) filed a consolidated application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit authorizing construction and relocation of approximately 35 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line in Benson and Ramsey Counties of North Dakota. GRE's proposed corridor and route as shown on the attached map are within T153N, R67W, Sections 3-6, T154N, R67W, Sections 1-4, 7-34, T155N, R67W, Sections 22-27, 33-36 of Benson County and T154N, R66W, Sections 1-7, 11, 12, 18, T155N, R66W, Sections 19-36, T154N, R65W, Sections 1-18, 20-26, T155N, R65W, Sections 30-33, T153N, R64W, Sections 1-3, 10-12, T154N, R64W – Sections 7-36, T153N, R63W, Sections 5-8, T154N, R63W, Sections 7, 17-20, 29-32 of Ramsey County.

GRE states that a demonstrable emergency exists and the proposed transmission line will produce minimal adverse effects. GRE requests the Commission (1) waive provisions of law that require separate applications, separate notices and separate hearings for waivers of procedures and time schedules, certificates of corridor compatibility and route permits; and (2) issue a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit authorizing the proposed project.

A public Hearing on this matter will be held on **February 6, 2001 at 1 P.M. (CST) in the Otter Tail Power Company Meeting Room, 524 5th Avenue South, Devils Lake, North Dakota.**

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed transmission line produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed transmission line compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed transmission line corridor and route minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Is the proposed transmission line of such length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects so that procedures and time schedules may be waived?
5. Does a demonstrable emergency exist which requires immediate construction so that adherence to procedures and time schedules would jeopardize the utility's system?
6. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this proceeding will be given an opportunity at the hearing. Anyone wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a petition to intervene with the Commission under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-02-05.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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