

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-2149-00-605

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

February 7, 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.

On January 10, 2001 the Commission deemed the application complete and issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing, scheduling a public hearing for February 6, 2001. On January 12, 2001, the Commission amended the notice to change the location of the hearing.

On January 23, 2001, GRE filed a motion to reschedule the hearing, requesting a one-month delay to allow GRE time to make additional contact with landowners along its proposed route. On January 24, the Commission postponed the hearing to a date to be determined.

On January 26, 2001, a group of landowners (Petitioners) along the proposed route filed a Motion to Intervene and a Motion for Continuance. Petitioners oppose GRE's assertion that a demonstrable emergency exists so as to justify a waiver of procedures and time schedules and ask to present evidence of how the proposed route will impact them directly. Petitioners also intend to bring forward reasonable and feasible modifications to the proposed route that might eliminate or minimize adverse effects to them. Petitioners further request a continuance of the hearing for at least thirty days to allow adequate time for preparation. Petitioners consist of:

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On February 6, 2001, Petitioners amended their Motion to Intervene to include:

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The Commission finds Petitioners have a legal interest that may be substantially affected by the proceeding and Petitioners' intervention would not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding.

The Commission finds Petitioners' Motion for Continuance moot because the hearing previously scheduled for February 6, 2001 has been postponed.

Order

1. Petitioners' amended Motion to Intervene is granted.
2. Admission as an intervenor shall not be construed as recognition by the Commission that an intervenor might be aggrieved by an order of the Commission in this proceeding.
3. Petitioners' Motion for Continuance is moot.

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