

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Great River Energy  
Ramsey-McHenry 230 kV Temporary Reroute  
Application

Case No. PU-2149-01-90

### NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

August 22, 2001

On May 17, 2001 Great River Energy (GRE) filed a consolidated application for a post-construction waiver of procedures and time schedules, a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit authorizing temporary relocation of approximately 2.4 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line in Ramsey County, North Dakota. GRE's proposed corridor and route as shown on the attached map are within T154N, R65W, Section 36, T154N, R64W, Sections 31-33, T153N, R64W, Sections 4-6, T153N, R65W, Section 1.

This temporary relocation was constructed this past winter under power emergency conditions declared by GRE. GRE states that a demonstrable emergency existed and the temporarily rerouted transmission line produces minimal adverse effects, both of which GRE asserts support its request that 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 for the project.

GRE constructed the temporary relocation without receiving a certificate of corridor compatibility or a route permit under NDCC Section 49-22-07, which requires subsequent Commission approval of the line. GRE requests the Commission's approval in this proceeding.

**A public Hearing** on this matter will be held on **October 22, 2001 at 12 Noon (CDT) in the Ramsey County Courthouse**, Basement Meeting Room, 524 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Devils Lake, ND 58301.

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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