

December 6, 2001

Ms. Carole L. Schmidt
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Re: 400-410 kV DC Line Upgrade
Case No. PU-2149-01-616

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

Thank you for your November 15, 2001 notification of GRE's intent to increase the operating voltage on GRE's 400 kV DC line to 410 kV DC. The Commission discussed this matter during its November 21st administrative meeting and has determined that GRE's proposed operating voltage of 410 kV DC is within the limitations established in the route permit issued in Case Number 9370.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
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