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**RE: Case No. PU-12-64: Great River Energy 230 kV Transmission Line
Grand Forks and Ramsey Counties
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

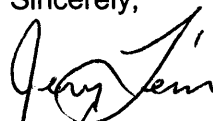
Thank you for your February 1, 2012 letter notifying the Commission that Great River Energy (GRE) intends to begin construction on segment 3 of its rebuild of approximately 80 miles of 230 kV transmission line between Minnkota Power Cooperative's Prairie Substation near Grand Forks and GRE's Ramsey Substation near Devils Lake, North Dakota.

This letter is to acknowledge that GRE has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that:

- (1) The rebuild activities in Segment 3 will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area as defined under the North Dakota Administrative Code subsections 69-06-08-02(1) and (2); and
- (2) GRE will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in applicable North Dakota siting laws and rules and Commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


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