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**RE: Case No. PU-12-225: Great River Energy 230 kV – Balta - McHenry Substations
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Ms. Parlow,

Thank you for your May 15, 2012 letter notifying the Commission of Great River Energy's (GRE) replacement of transmission structures not meeting NESC ground clearance requirements on its Balta sub to McHenry sub 230 kV "DV" line. Replacement of structures in upland areas began in June 2012 while those in water/wetland areas are marked with buoys and/or signage until a more permanent solution can be constructed in winter of 2012/2013.

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

- (1) The rebuild activities 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.

Please notify the Commission when the replacement activities have been completed and all of the identified clearance discrepancies have been rectified. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Letter requesting notification when replacement activities and discrepancies have been rectified