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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 December 21, 2012 letter notifying the Commission of Great River Energy's (GRE) replacement of additional Transmission Structure Nos 714 thru 718 necessary to clear Erickson Lake, northwest of Voltaire, ND, along GRE's Balta sub to McHenry sub 230 kV "DV" line.

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

- (1) The 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 these replacement activities have been completed and all of the identified clearance discrepancies have been rectified. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
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