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31 August 2012

Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Application for Transmission Facility Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit
Prairie Substation to Ramsey Substation 230 KV "GD" Transmission Line
Case Number PU-12-398

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Great River Energy's Transmission Facility Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit application for approximately four miles of two relocated segments of the 230 kV "GD" Transmission Line. The relocation of the segments is required to mitigate clearance discrepancies created by increased water elevations in the area.

The application provides a detailed description of the project and information required for processing under the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act as specified in North Dakota Century Code (NDCC Chapter 49-22). In addition, the application provides discussion with regard to Section 69-06-08-02 in the North Dakota Code Administrative Code (NDAC).

As stated in the application, Great River Energy filed a Letter of Intent (LOI) and a request for a waiver from Section 69-03-03-01 of the NDAC of the one – year notice period to allow adequate time to permit and construct the transmission line this upcoming winter. The LOI was acknowledged and the waiver request was granted by the PSC on August 1, 2012.

The assessed filing fee of \$14,450 is attached.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 763-445-5214, or by email at cschmidt@greenergy.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Application for certificate of corridor compatibility
and route permit**

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