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14 September 2012

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Great River Energy
230 kV Transmission Line - Grand Forks - Devils Lake
PU-12-398
Siting Application

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a substantive law judge and issue recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. However, no formal Motion to this effect has been passed by the Commission.

The next regular Commission meeting is 27 September 2012. As you determine when you will hold the hearing and when you will issue the Notice, please advise if a special Commission meeting is necessary for the formal substantive ALJ designation appointment. The hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure
c: w/encl. Donna Stephenson



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Great River Energy, 230 kV Transmission Line - Grand Forks - Devils Lake, PU-12-398
 Siting Application

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 Great River Energy filed an Application for Waiver of Procedures and Timelines, and Consolidated Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the 230 kV Transmission Line from Grand Forks to Devils Lake

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The case is in its early stages and a Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, we will forward it to your office.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 9/14/2012
Signature of Requesting Person x <i>Illona C. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i>	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 14 September 2012

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