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Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
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RE: Confirmation of Completed Activities and Tree Mitigation Report
Prairie Substation to Ramsey Substation 230 KV "GD" Transmission Line
Case Number PU-12-398

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On December 12, 2012, the Commission issued Certificate of Compatibility No. 140 to Great River Energy. Per the information requests in Mr. Lein's December 21, 2015 letter and the Post-Construction Inspection Report, Great River Energy respectfully submits (via efilings and US Postal) the following information:

- **Verification of Nelson and Ramsey County – Floodplain Administrators approval/permits:** The rerouted structures are in FEMA's Zone D (see attached maps). FEMA does not require a floodplain development permit for Zone D.
- **Verification of removal of old transmission line structures:** On August 2, 2012, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department requested removal of the old poles but rock could stay behind (see attached correspondence). As discussed at the pre-conference hearing, all poles were cut flush with the top of the rock and removed. The pole bases remain because removal of the entire pole would have caused more disturbances. All old poles have been removed as described.
- **Verification of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code** (see attached table): After consultation with Great River Energy's engineering staff, the transmission line complies with the National Electric Safety Code.
- **A copy of the Tree and Shrub Survival Report** (see attached email): In the last week of September 2015, Justin DeMarais, Ramsey County Soil Conservation District Technician conducted an inventory survey. He found that survival was high for the Olson property; only 7 trees died. However, on the Steinhaus property 82 trees were killed because the hired hand did not pay attention to tree locations. The total survival rate for both sites was 95.3 percent (1804 trees survived).

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- **Ten Year Plan:** Great River Energy filed its required 2015-2024 plan (Case Number PU-15-474) on July 6, 2015.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 763-445-5215, or by email at mparlow@greenergy.com.

Respectfully submitted,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY



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