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Dear Mr. Schultz:

RE: Great River Energy – Proposed 230-kV Transmission Line Reroute

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns.

Segment 8 currently crosses the Crary Wildlife Management Area in Section 18SW, T153N, R62W. A special use permit may be required if construction activity will occur on this property. Mr. Brian Prince, Wildlife Resource Management Supervisor, should be contacted at 701-662-3617 for additional information on regarding this property.

The National Wetland Inventory indicates various wetlands within the proposed project corridors. We recommend that steps be taken to protect any wetlands that cannot be avoided, above-ground appurtenances not be placed in wetland areas, and existing drainage patterns be maintained.

We recommend that overhead lines be marked when placed over perennial streams or sited in close proximity to large wetland complexes to minimize possible avian impacts. The publication "Mitigating Bird Collisions with Power Lines: the State of the Art in 1994" provides a range of management options which can be used to reduce avian collisions.

We do not believe this project will have any significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat provided these recommendations are implemented where appropriate and disturbed areas are reclaimed to pre-project conditions.

Sincerely,

Greg Nink
Chief
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TO

Brian Prince, ND Game + Fish

DATE

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SUBJECT

Abandonment Requirements for
Poles in Refuge

BY

Josh Kadmas

I called Brian in response to the 7/26/12 letter from Greg Link to confirm the requirements for the special use permit to abandon transmission line poles within the Crary Wildlife Management Area.

Brian said we should pull the poles, but leave the rock piles. Since our activities would occur in the winter on ice over the flooded WMA, we did not need the permit.



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Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail

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

RE: Case No. PU-12-398 – Great River Energy 230 kV Transmission Line
Grand Forks – Devils Lake Reroute
Late Filed Exhibit 10 - “Guide for Cutting Off Existing Pole (GD Line, Structure
Abandonment)”

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

As discussed during the public hearing on the above-referenced case, please find enclosed for filing a drawing titled the “Guide for Cutting Off Existing Pole (GD Line, Structure Abandonment).” This drawing is designated as Exhibit 10. It depicts the method of abandonment of the existing transmission structures that are in flooded locations and intended to be relocated as part of the proposed project.

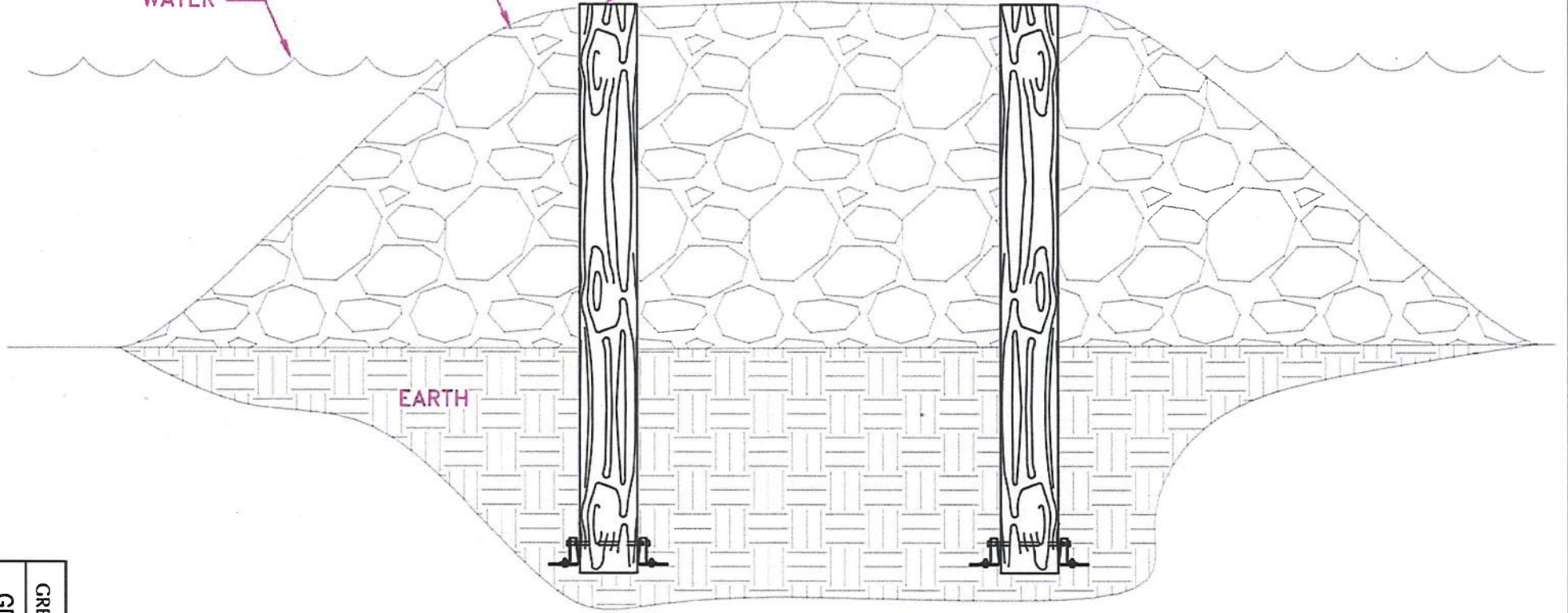
Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

Donna L. Stephenson
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosure

EXISTING ROCK
 WATER
 EXISTING POLE CUT OFF,
 (TYP. 2 PLACES)



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GUIDE FOR CUTTING OFF EXISTING POLE
(GD LINE, STRUCTURE ABANDONMENT)

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