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**RE: Case No. PU-12-737: Great River Energy 230 kV Sv/SVX Transmission Line
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Ms. Parlow,

Thank you for your September 13, 2012 letter notifying the Commission of Great River Energy's (GRE) replacement of transmission structures not meeting NESC ground clearance requirements on its Coal Creek to McHenry Substation to Stanton 230 kV "SV/SVX" Transmission line. Replacement of structures began in September 2012.

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

- (1) The rebuild 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.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Lein".

Jerry Lein
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