

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Great River Energy
DC Line Clearance Issues
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-13-900

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

January 15, 2014

On December 13, 2013 and January 10, 2014, Great River Energy filed a request for variance from Special Condition #4 of Route Permit No. 1 issued Dec 17, 1976 for GRE's 400 kV DC Line. Specifically, GRE requests a variance to allow the existing clearances of four conductor spans that are less than the minimum 35 feet required by Special Condition #4 of the permit:

<u>Span Location</u>	<u>Existing Ground Clearance</u>
Structures 64-65 T144N, R80W, S18, McLean County	34 feet
Structures 65-66 T144n, R80W, S19, McLean County	31.4 feet
Structures 137A-138 T143N,R77W, S30, Burleigh County	34.9 feet
Structures 236-237 T141N, R74W, S24, Kidder County	34.8 feet

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by February 28, 2014. The issue to be considered is whether the requested variance should be granted.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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