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Mr. Steve Kahl
Director of Administration/Executive
Secretary
ND Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
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RE: Notice of Intent to Construct, Own and Operate the Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Otter Tail Power Company, Great River Energy, and Minnesota Power (collectively, Utilities) provide this notification to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) that the Utilities are willing and able to construct, own and operate the new Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kV transmission line project.

On December 12, 2024, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO), a federally registered planning authority and regional transmission organization, approved its Long-Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) Tranche 2.1 portfolio of projects as part of its 2024 Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP24). MISO's LRTP Tranche 2.1 portfolio is made up of 24 projects, including project number 20, the Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kV transmission line with connected and associated underlying facilities (Project). The Project is designated as a Multi-Value Project under MISO's Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff (Tariff).

As part of the Project, a new 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line will be constructed between the existing Maple River Substation near Fargo, ND, owned by Otter Tail Power Company and the Cuyuna Substation, near Cuyuna, MN. Depending on the final route of the new 345 kV line between the Maple River and Cuyuna substations, the Utilities expect approximately 6 miles of this new 345 kV transmission line in North Dakota with the remaining 160 miles in Minnesota.

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The Utilities are in the initial stages of development efforts for the Project and will update the Commission through future correspondence and/or filings.

Sincerely,

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