

Appendix F

90-day Pre-Application Letter to Local Units of Government and Tribal Nations and Affidavits of Mailing

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINNESOTA POWER AND GREAT RIVER
ENERGY FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE
NORTHLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT

MPUC DOCKET No. E015, ET2/TL-22-415

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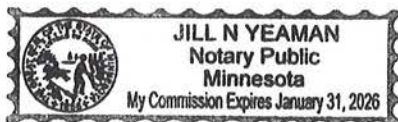
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Charlotte Heikkinen, hereby certify that on the 26th day of April, 2023, I directed to be sent via U.S. Mail a true and a correct copy of the 90-Day Pre-Application LGU Notice Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** to all Local Government Units, Tribal Nations, and Tribal Offices on the list attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.


CHARLOTTE HEIKKINEN

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of April, 2023.


Notary Public





30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802
218.772.2641, www.mnpower.com

12300 Elm Creek Boulevard, Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.445.5000, www.greatriverenergy.com

April 26, 2023

Via U.S. Mail

Re: Notice of Availability for Meeting; Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3a

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and Great River Energy for a
Certificate of Need for the Northland Reliability Project
MPUC Docket No. E015, ET2/CN-22-416*

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and Great River Energy for a
Route Permit for the Northland Reliability Project
MPUC Docket No. E015, ET2/TL-22-415*

Dear Local Government Official,

We are writing to offer you the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding a proposed transmission line project from the Grand Rapids area in Itasca County to the Becker area in Sherburne County. Minnesota Power and Great River Energy (collectively, the "Applicants") are proposing to construct a new transmission line project, known as the Northland Reliability Project ("Project"). The Project consists of new, double-circuited 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines, which will be comprised of two major segments.

1. Segment 1: construction of a new, approximately 140-mile long, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line connecting the existing Iron Range Substation, a new Riverton Series Compensation Station, and the existing Benton County Substation, and generally located near existing transmission line corridors; and
2. Segment 2: replacement of two existing transmission lines.
 - a. Replace an approximately 20-mile 230 kV line with two 345 kV circuits from the Benton County Substation to the new Big Oaks Substation along existing transmission corridors on double circuit 345 kV structures; and
 - b. Replace an approximately 20-mile 345 kV line from the Benton County Substation to the existing Sherco Substation in Sherburne County along existing transmission corridors using double-circuit 345 kV structures.

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The Project will also involve the following improvements to the power grid:

1. Expansion of the existing Iron Range Substation, located near Grand Rapids, and expansion of the existing Benton County Substation, located near St. Cloud, and reconfiguring existing transmission lines at the Iron Range and Benton County substations; and
2. Construction of a new series compensation station at or near the existing Riverton Substation and reconfiguring existing transmission lines in the Riverton area.

The Project is scheduled to be placed in service in 2030. The proposed Project and the existing transmission system are shown in **Figure 1**, attached to this letter. The Applicants are currently developing a Certificate of Need and Route Permit application for the Project.

The Project was studied, reviewed, and approved as part of the Long-Range Transmission Planning ("LRTP") Tranche 1 Portfolio by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Board of Directors in July 2022 as part of its 2021 Transmission Expansion Plan ("MTEP21") report.¹ The LRTP Tranche 1 Portfolio will provide significant benefits to the Midwest subregion of the MISO footprint by facilitating more reliable, safe, and affordable energy delivery. The Project, designated as LRTP#3 in MTEP21, is a key part of the LRTP Tranche 1 Portfolio. The Project will ensure that the power grid in northern and central Minnesota continues to operate safely and reliably as energy resources in Minnesota and the regional power system continue to evolve. As generation resources shift from fossil fuels to more renewables, the Project is one part of the solution to: (1) provide system support as fossil-fueled baseload generation is retired; (2) enhance system resiliency during extreme weather events (such as during polar vortex events); (3) facilitate increased capacity to safely and reliably deliver clean energy from where it is produced to where it is needed by customers and members, particularly during the winter season; and (4) plan proactively to meet changing customer and members' power needs due to decarbonization and electrification.

Two approvals must be obtained from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") before high voltage transmission lines like the proposed Project can be built: a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit. In the Certificate of Need proceeding, the Commission determines whether a proposed transmission line project is needed and the appropriate size, configuration, and timing. If the Commission determines that the Project is needed, the Commission will then determine the route for the proposed transmission lines. There are multiple opportunities for public and stakeholder input in these proceedings.

Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3b provides local units of government the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Project prior to the submission of a Route Permit application to the Commission. The Applicants anticipate filing a

¹ A copy of MTEP21 report is available online at: <https://cdn.misoenergy.org/MTEP21%20Addendum-LRTP%20Tranche%201%20Report%20with%20Executive%20Summary625790.pdf>.

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combined Certificate of Need and Route Permit application for the Project late this summer. If you would like to request a meeting, please call (218) 864-6059 or send an email to connect@northlandreliabilityproject.com. We are happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project. Additional information about the Project can also be found on the Project's website: <https://www.northlandreliabilityproject.com>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Atkinson

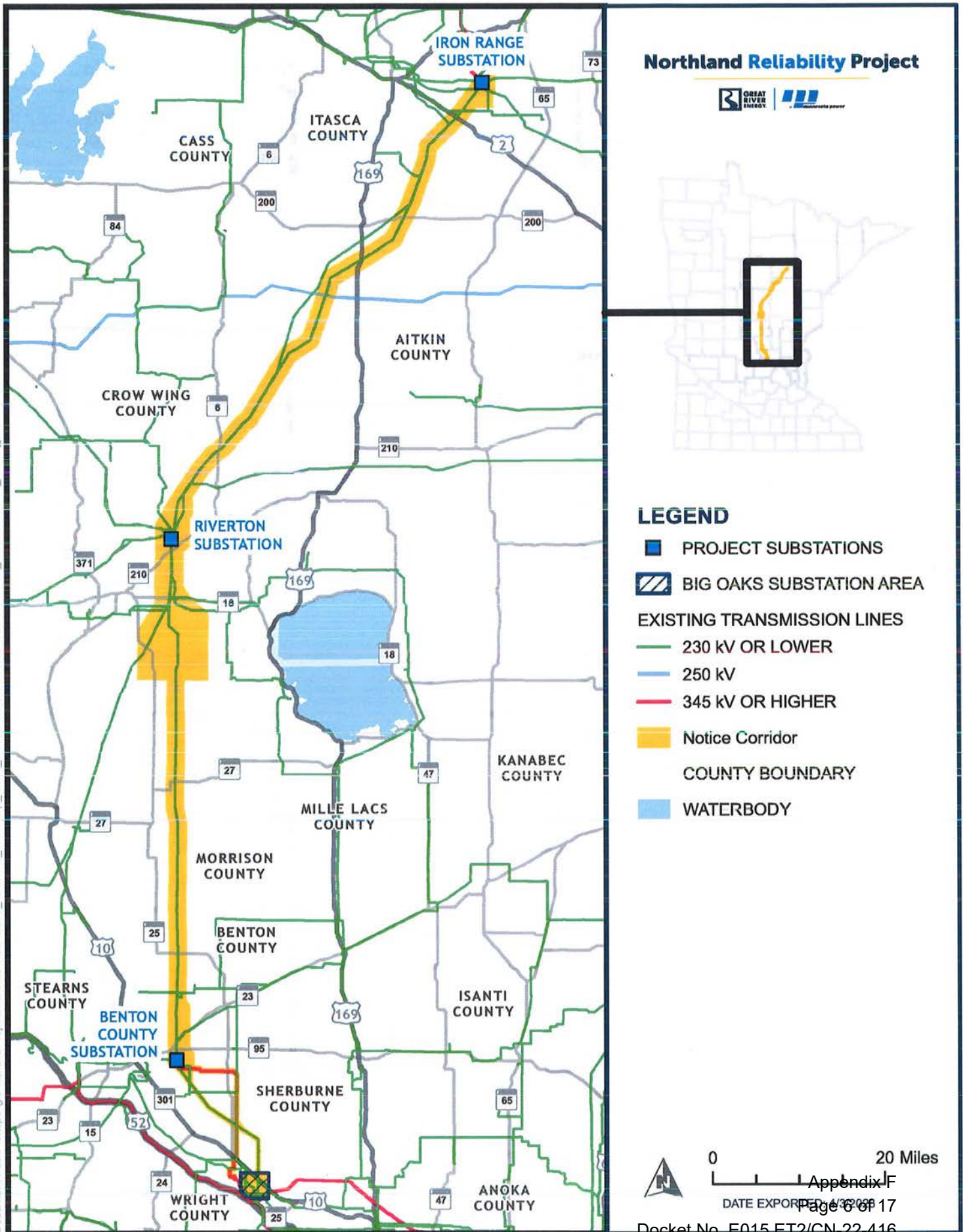
Jim Atkinson
Manager, Environmental and Real Estate
Minnesota Power

/s/ Dan Leshner

Dan Leshner
Manager, Transmission Permitting
and Land Rights
Great River Energy,
a Minnesota cooperative corporation

Enclosure

FIGURE 1



Organization	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
County Commissioners					
Aitkin County	Laurie Westerlund	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Travis Leiviska	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Bret Sample	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	J. Mark Wedel	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Michael Kearney	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Benton County	Ed Popp	15274 5th Avenue NE	Rice	MN	56367
Benton County	Jared J. Gapinski	1202 Hillside Road	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Benton County	Beth Schlangen	717 1st Street NE	Saint Cloud	MN	56304
Benton County	Steve Heinen	1125 4-1/2 Avenue North	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Benton County	Scott Johnson	6430 135th Avenue NE	Foley	MN	56329
Crow Wing County	Paul Koering	8089 Paradise Beach Trail	Brainerd	MN	56401
Crow Wing County	Steve Barrows	12679 Noble Fir Drive	Baxter	MN	56425
Crow Wing County	Rosemary Franzen	14732 Inglewood Drive	Baxter	MN	56425
Crow Wing County	Doug Houge	PO Box 367	Ironton	MN	56455
Crow Wing County	John Lubke	34013 North Oak Drive	Jenkins	MN	56472
Itasca County	Cory Smith	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	John Johnson	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Casey Venema	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Burl Ives	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Terry Snyder	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Morrison County	Mike LeMieur	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County	Jeffrey Jelinski	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County	Randy Winscher	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County	Bobby Kasper	25753 193rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Morrison County	Greg Blaine	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Sherburne County	Gregg Felber	13880 Business Center Drive NW Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Raeanne Danielowski	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Gary Gray	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Andrew Hulse	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Lisa A. Fobbe	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
County Agencies					
Aitkin County	Jessica Seibert	307 2nd Street NW, Rm. 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Andrew Carlstrom	307 2nd Street NW, Room 219	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Mark Jeffers	307 - 2nd Street NW, Rm. 316	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Dennis (DJ) Thompson	502 Minnesota Ave North	Aitkin	MN	56431
Growth Innovations (frmly. Aitkin Growth)	Stan Gustafson	316 1st Ave NW	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Andrew Carlstrom	307 2nd St NW, Room 219	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	Kirk Peysar	307 2nd St NW, Room 121	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County	John Welle	1211 Air Park Drive	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County Historical Society	Aitkin County Historical Society Depot Museum	20 Pacific Street S.W. PO Box 215	Aitkin	MN	56431
Aitkin County Historical Society	John Hendrickson	20 Pacific Street S.W. PO Box 215	Aitkin	MN	56431
Benton Economic Development	Amanda Othoudt	P.O. Box 129 Foley	Foley	MN	56333
Benton County	Montgomery Headley	P.O. Box 129 Foley	Foley	MN	56329
Benton County	Roxanne Achman	P.O. Box 129 Foley	Foley	MN	56329
Benton County	Mark Loidolt P.E.	P.O. Box 129 Foley	Foley	MN	56329
Benton County Historical Society	Benton County Historical Society Museum	218 1st Street North PO Box 426	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Benton County Historical Society	Ernie Wollak	218 1st Street North PO Box 426	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Crow Wing County	Timothy J. Houle	326 Laurel Street - Suite 13	Brainerd	MN	56401
Crow Wing County	Timothy Bray	16589 County Road 142	Brainerd	MN	56401
Crow Wing County	Gary Griffin	Brainerd, MN 56401	Brainerd	MN	56401
Crow Wing County Historical Society	Crow Wing County Historical Society Museum	320 Laurel Street Brainerd, MN	Brainerd	MN	56401
Crow Wing County Historical Society	Hillary Swanson	320 Laurel Street Brainerd, MN	Brainerd	MN	56401
Itasca County	Cindy Shevich	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Brett Skyles	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Karin Grandia	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Christa Jetland	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Katie Benes	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Dan Swenson	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County	Kory Cease	1177 LaPrairie Avenue	Grand Rapids	MN	55744-3322
Itasca County	Andy Arens	PO Box 990 1895 W Highway 2	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)	Tamara Lowney	12 NW 3rd Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District	Andy Arens	PO Box 990 1895 W Highway 2	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County Historical Society	Lilah J. Crowe	201 North Pokegama Avenue	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Itasca County Historical Society	Itasca Heritage Center	201 North Pokegama Avenue	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Morrison County	Matt Leblanc	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County	Amy Kowalzek	213 1st Avenue SE	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County	Tony Hennen	1208 W River Road	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County Historical Society	Mike Worcester	PO Box 239	Little Falls	MN	56345
Morrison County Historical Society	Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum	PO Box 239	Little Falls	MN	56345
Sherburne County	Bruce Messelt	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Jessica Barthel	13880 Business Center Drive NW	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Dan Weber	13880 Business Center Drive NW	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Public Works Department	Elk River, MN 55330-4668	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Lynn Waytashek	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Zach Guttormson	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668

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Sherburne County	David Roedel	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County	Andrew J. Witter, PE	13880 Business Center Drive NW - Suite 100	Elk River	MN	55330-4668
Sherburne County Historical Society	Mike Brubaker	10775 27th Avenue S.E.	Becker	MN	55308
Sherburne County Historical Society	Sherburne History Center	10775 27th Avenue S.E.	Becker	MN	55308
Cities					
City of Becker	Robin Dingmann	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Rebecca Stanfield-Olmscheid	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Mike Doering	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Rick Hendrickson	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Tracy Bertram	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Susan Nache	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Becker	Julie Blesi	12060 Sherburne Avenue	Becker	MN	55308
City of Harding	Tami Young	29828 253rd Street	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Harding	Pat Hayes	29485 243rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Harding	Denise Young	30398 243rd Street	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Harding	David C Hayes	24528 Quest Rd	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Harding	Corey Hayes	29969 243rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Ironton	Dean French	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Ironton	Eric Heglund	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Ironton	Shawn Hamdorf	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Ironton	Matthew Bugnacki	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Ironton	Joshua Jacobson	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Ironton	Darla Johns	PO Box 97	Ironton	MN	56455
City of Lastrup	Pat Boser	28639 Highway 27	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Lastrup	Ross Shoultz	28598 Highway 27 E	Pierz	MN	56364
City of Lastrup	Jackie Zehowski	PO Box 16	Lastrup	MN	56364
City of Lastrup	Kay Hoheisel	PO Box 52	Lastrup	MN	56364
City of Lastrup	Roberta Gross	PO Box 52	Lastrup	MN	56364
City of Lastrup	Julie Laney	PO Box 55	Lastrup	MN	56344
City of Riverton	Lana Schmidt	16766 4th Street	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Riverton	Ila Rae Martin	21159 Lake Avenue	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Riverton	Pamela L. Dobson	16621 1st Street	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Riverton	Denise Frahm	21126 2nd Avenue	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Riverton	David C. Peterson	21047 1st Avenue	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Riverton	Alexandra Booth	16663 Main Street	Riverton	MN	56455
City of Saint Cloud	Seth Kauffman	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Matthew Staehling	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Lyndsey Stram	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Jeff Goerger	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	George Hontos	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Carol Lewis	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Dave Masters	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Karen Larson	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Jake Anderson	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	Mike Conway	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Saint Cloud	David Kleis	1201 7th Street South	Saint Cloud	MN	56301
City of Trommald	Amanda Peka	17832 S Black Bear Road	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Eugene Wgeishofski	17832 S Black Bear Road	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Robert Chamberlin	24124 CARDINAL AVE	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Ginny Savaloja	18733 County Road 34	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Jackie Wood	24124 Cardinal Ave	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Jim Hiller Jr.	19976 Hiller Lane	Trommald	MN	56441
City of Trommald	Mona Geske	17907 Fawn Street	Trommald	MN	56441
Townships					
Becker Township	Brian Kolbinger	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Becker Township	Lucinda Messman	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Becker Township	Joe Danielson	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Becker Township	Luke Babler	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Becker Township	Robin Boros	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Becker Township	Brad Wilkening	PO Box 248	Becker	MN	55308
Blackberry Township	Phaedra Hoopman	25349 Dove Ln	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Blackberry Township	Mark Klennert	25349 Dove Ln	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Blackberry Township	Gary Nelson	25349 Dove Ln	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Blackberry Township	Lonnie Mjolsness	25549 Dove Ln	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Buckman Township	Gary Solinger	24771 103rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Buckman Township	Nancy Lanners	5120 260th Ave	Royalton	MN	56373
Buckman Township	Allan Stangl	7997 290th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Buckman Township	Ralph Hanneken	22348 93rd St	Royalton	MN	56373
Buh Township	Dale Sauer	22754 Hawthorne Rd	Pierz	MN	56364
Buh Township	Alicia Cebulla	23704 183rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Buh Township	Tim Middendorf	17569 235th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Buh Township	Keith Gohl	16915 235th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Center Township	Steve Gilbert	22230 Buckhorn Trail	Merrifield	MN	56455
Center Township	Coralea Borden	13110 Borden Road	Merrifield	MN	56455

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Center Township	Leon Yeager	13704 CR 116	Merrifield	MN	56465
Center Township	Eric Lunemann	20165 Journeys End Road	Brainerd	MN	56401
Clear Lake Township	Nancy Betzler	PO Box 305	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Clear Lake Township	Kiel Golly	PO Box 305	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Clear Lake Township	T. Vander Eyk	PO Box 305	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Clear Lake Township	Bud Stimmler	PO Box 305	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Clear Lake Township	Ross Imholte	PO Box 305	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Daggett Brook Township	Gretchen Nelson	12629 30th Street	Brainerd	MN	56401
Daggett Brook Township	James Barrett	12629 30th Street	Brainerd	MN	56401
Daggett Brook Township	Bruce Caughey	12629 30th Street	Brainerd	MN	56401
Daggett Brook Township	Dave Schubert	12629 30th Street	Brainerd	MN	56401
Fairfield Township	Marianne Auge	33108 Dangers Road	Crosby	MN	56441
Fairfield Township	Phil Yetzer	33108 Dangers Road	Crosby	MN	56441
Fairfield Township	Leslie McCoy	33108 Dangers Road	Crosby	MN	56441
Fairfield Township	Molly Swaggert	33108 Dangers Road	Crosby	MN	56441
Fairfield Township	Fairfield Clerk	35430 State Highway 6	Emily	MN	56447
Feeley Township	Lori Gill	21738 Shallow Lake Rd	Warba	MN	55793
Feeley Township	Debra Langanki	20736 Feely 1	Warba	MN	55793
Feeley Township	Barbara Vadnais	P.O. Box 2725	Warba	MN	55793
Feeley Township	Casey Dabrowski	19914 Feeley 6	Warba	MN	55793
Feeley Township	Loretta Hamm	20326 County Road 10	Warba	MN	55793
Gilmanton Township	Sabrina Hess	9077 105th AVE NE	Foley	MN	56329
Gilmanton Township	Scott Baron	8020 83rd NE	Foley	MN	56329
Gilmanton Township	Doug Lezer	5864 75TH AVE NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Gilmanton Township	Mark Hess	9077 105TH AVE NE	Foley	MN	56329
Graham Township	Deb Scott	14300 65TH AVE NE	Rice	MN	56367
Graham Township	Jesse Sobania	16255 65TH AVE NE	Rice	MN	56367
Graham Township	Duane Brenny	13072 65TH AVE NE	Rice	MN	56367
Graham Township	Charles Popp	11790 15TH AVE NE	Rice	MN	56367
Granite Township	Jeron Kapsner	28972 203rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Granite Township	Eileen Hargrave	18187 305th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Granite Township	Curt Banach	17798 305th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Granite Township	Terry Hargrave	18187 305th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Harris Township	Kent Lorette	20876 Wendigo Park Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Nancy Kopacek	28581 Alicia Place	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Dan Gilbert	20876 Wendigo Park Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Peggy Clayton	20356 Wendigo Park Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Jim Kelley	20387 Field Crest Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Kent Lorette	21947 Birch Hills St	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Ryan Davies	21448 Airport Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Harris Township	Mike Schack	17990 Wendigo Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Haven Township	Tammy Schefers	PO Box 339	St. Cloud	MN	56302-0339
Haven Township	Joe Then	PO Box 339	St. Cloud	MN	56302-0339
Haven Township	Randy Linn	PO Box 339	St. Cloud	MN	56302-0339
Haven Township	Bruce Hentges	PO Box 339	St. Cloud	MN	56302-0339
Haven Township	Eric Meyer	PO Box 339	St. Cloud	MN	56302
Haven Township	Mark Knowles	2923 - 32nd Street SE	St. Cloud	MN	56304
Hill Lake Township	Pauline Eling	PO Box 6	Hill City	MN	55748
Hill Lake Township	Craig McNeil	35040 696th Street	Hill City	MN	55748
Hill Lake Township	James Barry	69416 US Highway 169	Hill City	MN	55748
Hill Lake Township	Duane Niesen	39045 650th Street	Swatara	MN	55785
Irondale Township	Philip Juracek	19121 County Road 12	Ironton	MN	56455
Irondale Township	Angela Fort	19121 County Road 12	Ironton	MN	56455
Irondale Township	Jay Godfrey	19121 County Road 12	Ironton	MN	56455
Irondale Township	Brian Biever	19121 County Road 12	Ironton	MN	56455
Irondale Township	Tim Leonard	19121 County Road 12	Ironton	MN	56455
Little Pine Township	Little Pine Township	25990 County Road 1	Emily	MN	56447
Little Pine Township	Aubra Hawley	25990 County Road 1	Emily	MN	56447
Long Lake Township	Patsy Olson	450 Virginia Avenue,	Long Lake	MN	55356
Long Lake Township	Dave Johnson	450 Virginia Avenue,	Long Lake	MN	55356
Long Lake Township	Tom Malloy	450 Virginia Avenue,	Long Lake	MN	55356
Long Lake Township	Darryl Moser	450 Virginia Avenue,	Long Lake	MN	55356
Long Lake Township	Mark Olson	540 Virginia Avenue	Long Lake	MN	55356
Macville Township	William Flynn	61086 US Highway 169	Hill City	MN	55748
Macville Township	Florian Blaszak	35074 620th Lane	Hill City	MN	55748
Macville Township	Janet Hatfield	62195 350th Place	Hill City	MN	55748
Macville Township	Kenneth Janssen	62334 US Highway 169	Hill City	MN	55748
Maple Grove Township	Maple Grove Township	12800 Arbor Lakes Pwky N	Maple Grove	MN	55369
Maple Grove Township	Norene Warta	18451 COUNTY ROAD 24	Brainerd	MN	56401
Maple Grove Township	Daniel Martonik	18451 COUNTY ROAD 24	Brainerd	MN	56401
Maple Grove Township	Jim Anderson	18451 COUNTY ROAD 24	Brainerd	MN	56401
Maple Grove Township	Bill Kronstedt	18451 COUNTY ROAD 24	Brainerd	MN	56401
Mayhew Lake Township	Lawrence Thell	5248 115TH ST NE	Foley	MN	56329
Mayhew Lake Township	Jeff Molitor	7032 LITTLE ROCK RD NE	Foley	MN	56329
Mayhew Lake Township	Joe Scapanski	7298 65TH AVE NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56079

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Mayhew Lake Township	John Bemboom	10210 45TH AVE NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Minden Township	Cynthia Abraham	5756 GOLDEN SPIKE RD	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Minden Township	Stephen Simones	7415 30TH ST NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Minden Township	Pam Benoit	2875 42ND AVE NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Minden Township	Mark Ebnet	4780 15TH ST NE	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379
Mission Township	Anna Anderson	P.O. Box 126	Merrifield	MN	56465
Mission Township	Jim Roach	P.O. Box 126	Merrifield	MN	56465
Mission Township	Bob Steele	P.O. Box 126	Merrifield	MN	56465
Mission Township	Jon Auge	P.O. Box 126	Merrifield	MN	56465
Nokay Lake Township	Craig Virnig	21649 Division Road	Brainerd	MN	56401
Nokay Lake Township	Alan Cunningham	13536 THORSON ROAD	Brainerd	MN	56401
Nokay Lake Township	Nokay Lake Township	14214 Nokay Hall Rd	Brainerd	MN	56401
Nokay Lake Township	Dale Thompson	13536 THORSON ROAD	Brainerd	MN	56401
Nokay Lake Township	Katherine Stevens	13536 THORSON ROAD	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Oak Lawn Township	12404 MN-18	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Deb Borg	12404 State Highway 18	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Sharon Pike	PO BOX 333	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Steve Stroschein	PO BOX 333	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Dan Vickerman	PO BOX 333	Brainerd	MN	56401
Palmer Township	Mitch Wipper	4180 105th Ave	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Palmer Township	Amy Bragelman	4180 105th Ave	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Palmer Township	Richard Larson	4180 105th Ave	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Palmer Township	Michael Ganz	4180 105th Ave	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Palmer Township	Steve Demeules	4180 105th Ave	Clear Lake	MN	55319
Perry Lake Township	Ray Montzka	30416 STATE HIGHWAY 6	CROSBY	MN	56441
Perry Lake Township	Todd Wood	30416 STATE HIGHWAY 6	CROSBY	MN	56441
Perry Lake Township	Roger Waytashek	30416 STATE HIGHWAY 6	CROSBY	MN	56441
Perry Lake Township	Sherry Habighorst	30416 STATE HIGHWAY 6	CROSBY	MN	56441
Pierz Township	Paul Cekalla	11150 280th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Pierz Township	Loren Meyer	12032 300th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Pierz Township	Alan Hoheisel	11798 250th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Pierz Township	Dean Rocheleau	30582 123rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Platte Lake Township	Platte Lake Township	2198 County Road 23	Brainerd	MN	56401
Platte Lake Township	Robert Dowbowy	2198 County Road 23	Brainerd	MN	56401
Platte Lake Township	Kyle Eastman	2198 County Road 23	Brainerd	MN	56401
Platte Lake Township	Aaron Sloth	2198 County Road 23	Brainerd	MN	56401
Platte Lake Township	John Gregersen	2198 County Road 23	Brainerd	MN	56401
Platte Township	Shelly Boser	26481 Highway 25	Pierz	MN	56364
Platte Township	Judy Boser	23943 Highway 25	Pierz	MN	56364
Platte Township	Jackie Keehr	24251 228th St	Pierz	MN	56364
Platte Township	Ricky Hebler	22991 Melody Rd	Pierz	MN	56364
Pulaski Township	Allen Woitalla	30181 273rd St	Pierz	MN	56364
Pulaski Township	Tabitha Brisk	22395 320th Ave	Pierz	MN	56364
Pulaski Township	Chad Warnke	29287 268th St	Pierz	MN	56364
Pulaski Township	Paul Tschida	33536 Logan Ln	Pierz	MN	56364
Ross Lake Township	Ross Lake Township	27406 Ross Lake Road	Aitkin	MN	56431
Ross Lake Township	Leo Offerman	27406 Ross Lake Road	Aitkin	MN	56431
Ross Lake Township	Dan Newman	27406 Ross Lake Road	Aitkin	MN	56431
Ross Lake Township	Mark Caspers	27406 Ross Lake Road	Aitkin	MN	56431
Ross Lake Township	Pat Vannelli	27406 Ross Lake Road	Aitkin	MN	56431
Saint George Township	Nicole Leabch	11584 10TH ST NE	Foley	MN	56329
Saint George Township	Patrick Herbst	10790 50TH ST NE	Foley	MN	56329
Saint George Township	Brad Chmielewski	431 SYCAMORE RD SE	Foley	MN	56329
Saint George Township	Donald Martin	10666 HIGHWAY 95 NE	Foley	MN	56329
Splithand Township	Rebecca Rasmussen	14529 Danson Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Splithand Township	Brian Rasmussen	14529 Danson Road	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Splithand Township	Jennifer Behm	12866 Behm Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Splithand Township	John Rademacher	27909 Linn Road	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Trout Lake Township	Gwen Rutherford	24951 Co. Rd 10	Bovey	MN	55709
Trout Lake Township	Michael Partlow	24217 County Road 70	Bovey	MN	55709
Trout Lake Township	Pamela Perry	26439 Birch Dr	Bovey	MN	55709
Trout Lake Township	Dwight Kessler	26499 Trout Lake Rd	Bovey	MN	55709
Wildwood Township	Gordon Winkler	11518 W. Splithand Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Wildwood Township	Bruce Christensen	30380 Splithand Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Wildwood Township	Justin Barringer	30411 Sand Pit Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Wildwood Township	David Malcolm	11761 Behm Rd	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Wolford Township	Cathy Preston	26016 State Highway 6	Crosby	MN	56441
Wolford Township	Dan LaPierre	26016 State Highway 6	Crosby	MN	56441
Wolford Township	Donald Nyvold	26016 State Highway 6	Crosby	MN	56441
Wolford Township	Kimberly Marquart	26016 State Highway 6	Crosby	MN	56441
Unorganized Territories					
Aitkin County	Northwest Aitkin	307 2nd St NW, Room 310	Aitkin	MN	56431
Crow Wing County	Dean Lake Association	322 Laurel Street - Suite 15	Brainerd	MN	56401
Itasca County	Little Sand Lake Area Association	123 NE 4th Street	Grand Rapids	MN	55744

Tribal Name	First Name	Last Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
MN Tribes						
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Catherine	Chavers	5344 Lakeshore Drive	Nett Lake	MN	55772
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Jaylen	Strong	1500 Bois Forte Road	Tower	MN	55790
Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa	Kevin	Dupuis	1720 Big Lake Rd	Cloquet	MN	55720
Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa	Evan	Schroeder	1720 Big Lake Rd	Cloquet	MN	55720
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Robert "Bobby"	Deschampe	PO Box 428	Grand Portage	MN	55605
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Rob	Hull	PO Box 428	Grand Portage	MN	55605
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Faron	Jackson	190 Sailstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Amy	Burnette	190 Sailstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Brandy	Toft	15756 State 371 NW	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Amanda	Wold	15757 State 371 NW	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Eugene	Strowbridge	15758 State 371 NW	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	Robert	Larsen	39527 Reservation Hwy. 1, PO Box 308	Morton	MN	56270
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	Cheyenne	St. John	39527 Reservation Hwy. 1, PO Box 308	Morton	MN	56270
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Melanie	Benjamin	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Charles	Lippert	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Perry	Bunting	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Terry	Kemper	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Susan	Klapel	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359
Prairie Island Indian Community	Johnny	Johnson	5636 Sturgeon Lake Road	Welch	MN	55089
Prairie Island Indian Community	Noah	White	5636 Sturgeon Lake Road	Welch	MN	55089
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Darrell	Seki	15484 Migizi Drive	Red Lake	MN	56671
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Kade	Ferris	PO Box 274	Red Lake	MN	56671
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Keith	Anderson	2330 Sioux Trail NW	Prior Lake	MN	55372
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Leonard	Wabasha	2330 Sioux Trail NW	Prior Lake	MN	55372
Upper Sioux Community	Kevin	Jensvold	5722 Travers Lane, PO Box 147	Granite Falls	MN	56241
Upper Sioux Community	Samantha	Odegard	5722 Travers Lane, PO Box 147	Granite Falls	MN	56241
White Earth Nation	Michael	Fairbanks	35500 Eagle View Road	Ogema	MN	56569
White Earth Nation	Jaime	Arsenault	PO Box 418	White Earth	MN	56591
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe*	Catherine	Chavers	P.O. Box 217	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe*	Rob	Hull	P.O. Box 428	Grand Portage	MN	55605

Tribal Organization						
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC)	Shannon	Geshick	161 St. Anthony Ave, Ste 919	St. Paul	MN	55103
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC)	Shannon	Geshick	1819 Bemidji Ave N, Ste 2	Bemidji	MN	56601

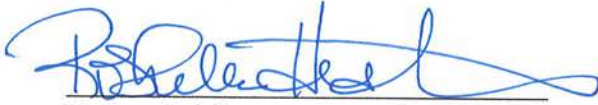
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Jill Yeaman, hereby certify that on the 15th day of May, 2023, I directed to be sent via U.S. Mail a true and a correct copy of the 90-Day Pre-Application LGU Notice Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** to all Local Government Units, Tribal Nations, and Tribal Offices on the list attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.


JILL N. YEAMAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of May, 2023.


Notary Public





30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802
218.772.2641, www.mnpower.com

12300 Elm Creek Boulevard, Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.445.5000, www.greatriverenergy.com

April 26, 2023

Via U.S. Mail

Re: Notice of Availability for Meeting; Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3a

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and Great River Energy for a
Certificate of Need for the Northland Reliability Project*
MPUC Docket No. E015, ET2/CN-22-416

*In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and Great River Energy for a
Route Permit for the Northland Reliability Project*
MPUC Docket No. E015, ET2/TL-22-415

Dear Local Government Official,

We are writing to offer you the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding a proposed transmission line project from the Grand Rapids area in Itasca County to the Becker area in Sherburne County. Minnesota Power and Great River Energy (collectively, the "Applicants") are proposing to construct a new transmission line project, known as the Northland Reliability Project ("Project"). The Project consists of new, double-circuited 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines, which will be comprised of two major segments.

1. Segment 1: construction of a new, approximately 140-mile long, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line connecting the existing Iron Range Substation, a new Riverton Series Compensation Station, and the existing Benton County Substation, and generally located near existing transmission line corridors; and
2. Segment 2: replacement of two existing transmission lines.
 - a. Replace an approximately 20-mile 230 kV line with two 345 kV circuits from the Benton County Substation to the new Big Oaks Substation along existing transmission corridors on double circuit 345 kV structures; and
 - b. Replace an approximately 20-mile 345 kV line from the Benton County Substation to the existing Sherco Substation in Sherburne County along existing transmission corridors using double-circuit 345 kV structures.

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The Project will also involve the following improvements to the power grid:

1. Expansion of the existing Iron Range Substation, located near Grand Rapids, and expansion of the existing Benton County Substation, located near St. Cloud, and reconfiguring existing transmission lines at the Iron Range and Benton County substations; and
2. Construction of a new series compensation station at or near the existing Riverton Substation and reconfiguring existing transmission lines in the Riverton area.

The Project is scheduled to be placed in service in 2030. The proposed Project and the existing transmission system are shown in **Figure 1**, attached to this letter. The Applicants are currently developing a Certificate of Need and Route Permit application for the Project.

The Project was studied, reviewed, and approved as part of the Long-Range Transmission Planning ("LRTP") Tranche 1 Portfolio by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") Board of Directors in July 2022 as part of its 2021 Transmission Expansion Plan ("MTEP21") report.¹ The LRTP Tranche 1 Portfolio will provide significant benefits to the Midwest subregion of the MISO footprint by facilitating more reliable, safe, and affordable energy delivery. The Project, designated as LRTP#3 in MTEP21, is a key part of the LRTP Tranche 1 Portfolio. The Project will ensure that the power grid in northern and central Minnesota continues to operate safely and reliably as energy resources in Minnesota and the regional power system continue to evolve. As generation resources shift from fossil fuels to more renewables, the Project is one part of the solution to: (1) provide system support as fossil-fueled baseload generation is retired; (2) enhance system resiliency during extreme weather events (such as during polar vortex events); (3) facilitate increased capacity to safely and reliably deliver clean energy from where it is produced to where it is needed by customers and members, particularly during the winter season; and (4) plan proactively to meet changing customer and members' power needs due to decarbonization and electrification.

Two approvals must be obtained from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") before high voltage transmission lines like the proposed Project can be built: a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit. In the Certificate of Need proceeding, the Commission determines whether a proposed transmission line project is needed and the appropriate size, configuration, and timing. If the Commission determines that the Project is needed, the Commission will then determine the route for the proposed transmission lines. There are multiple opportunities for public and stakeholder input in these proceedings.

Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3b provides local units of government the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Project prior to the submission of a Route Permit application to the Commission. The Applicants anticipate filing a

¹ A copy of MTEP21 report is available online at: <https://cdn.misoenergy.org/MTEP21%20Addendum-LRTP%20Tranche%201%20Report%20with%20Executive%20Summary625790.pdf>.

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combined Certificate of Need and Route Permit application for the Project late this summer. If you would like to request a meeting, please call (218) 864-6059 or send an email to connect@northlandreliabilityproject.com. We are happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project. Additional information about the Project can also be found on the Project's website: <https://www.northlandreliabilityproject.com>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Atkinson

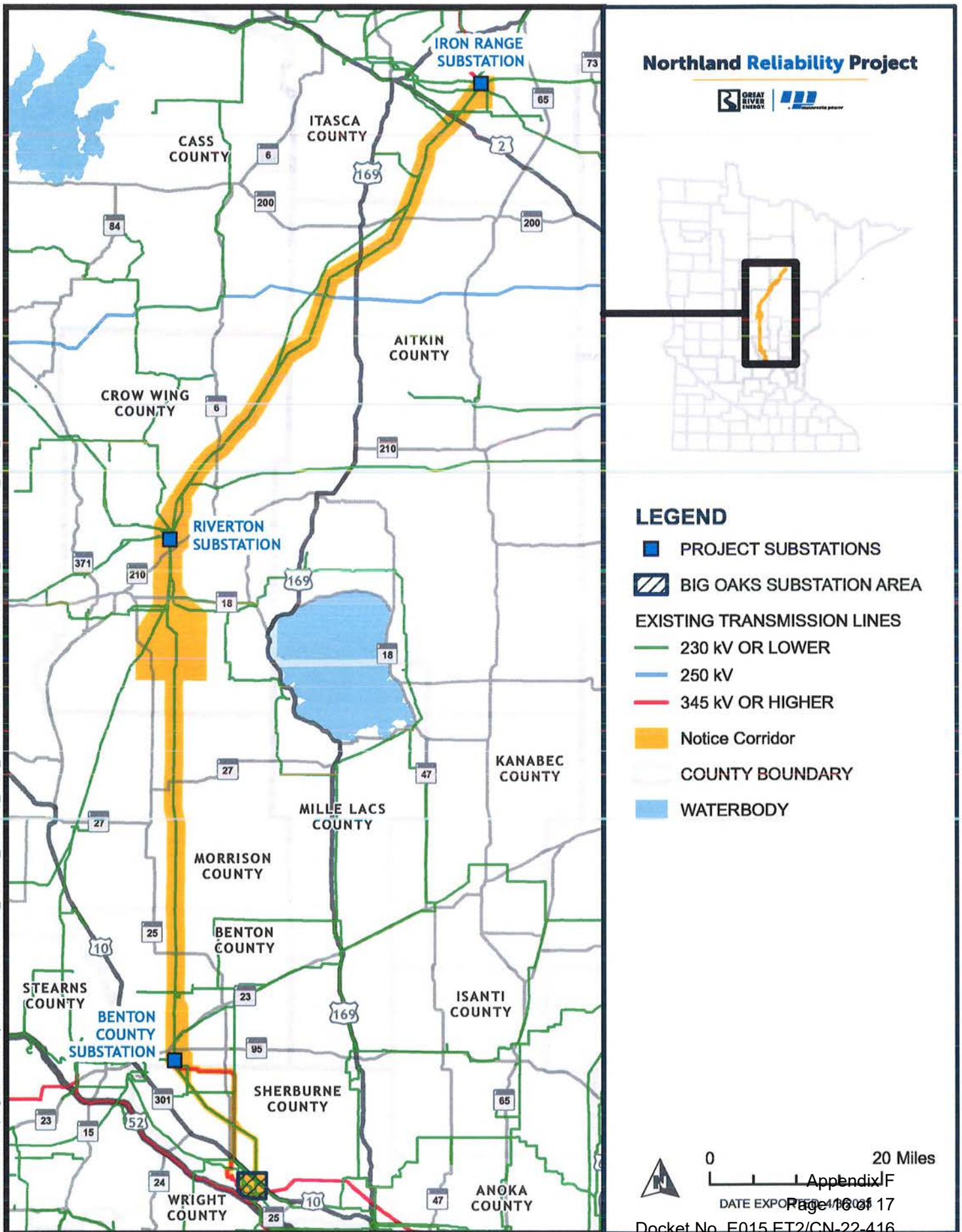
Jim Atkinson
Manager, Environmental and Real Estate
Minnesota Power

/s/ Dan Leshner

Dan Leshner
Manager, Transmission Permitting
and Land Rights
Great River Energy,
a Minnesota cooperative corporation

Enclosure

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Organization	Name	Title	New Street	New city	New state	New Zip
Harris Township	Kent Lorette	Clerk	20876 Wendigo Park Road	Grand Rapids	MN	55744
Nokay Lake Township	Nokay Lake Township	General Contact	13536 THORSON ROAD	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Oak Lawn Township	General Contact	PO BOX 333	Brainerd	MN	56401
Oak Lawn Township	Deb Borg	Clerk	PO BOX 333	Brainerd	MN	56401
Trout Lake Township	Michael Partlow	Supervisor	26499 Trout Lake Rd	Bovey	MN	55709

Tribal Name	First Name	Last Name	Title	New street	New city	New state	New zip
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Brandy	Toft	Interim Environmental Director	190 Sailstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Amanda	Wold	Environmental Deputy Director	190 Sailstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Eugene	Strowbridge	Sustainability Coordinator	190 Sailstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633