

## NOTICE OF EXTENDED REPLY COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: July 26, 2021

### In the Matter of Petition to Transfer a portion of the Route Permit for the HVDC Transmission Line System and Associated Facilities in Minnesota.

**PUC Docket Number/s:** ET2/TL-21-434

The new deadline for filing *reply* comments is **August 11, 2021** at 4:30pm.

*Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.*

#### Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the applicants be required to supply additional information, including any or all of the information outlined in the July 20, 2021 letter of the MCEA and CEOs?
- Should the Commission schedule public meetings in this matter?
- Do you have replies to any other comments filed to-date in the record?

*Comments are also welcome on the topics set out in the Commission's July 8 Notice for Comments:*

- Should the Commission authorize a transfer of the route permit to Nexus Line, LLC pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.5000?
- Has the permittee provided the name and description of the entity to whom the permit is to be transferred, the reasons for the transfer, a description of the facilities affected, and the requested date of the transfer?
- Is there sufficient information in the record to determine that the new permittee can comply with the terms and conditions of the permit?

#### Background

On July 1, 2021, Great River Energy, on behalf of itself and Nexus Line, LLC ("Nexus") (collectively, the "Applicants"), filed a request for a partial transfer of the Construction Permit issued by the Minnesota Environmental Quality Council in Docket No. CUTR-1 on June 3, 1976. The Construction Permit serves as the legacy "Route Permit" for Great River Energy's 400 kV HVDC high voltage transmission line; HVDC Converter Station; and associated HVDC facilities located in west central Minnesota (collectively referred to herein as the "HVDC System"). The HVDC System extends from the North Dakota border in Traverse County to the 345 kV Dickinson Substation in Rockford

Township, Wright County, Minnesota, and serve as generator interconnection facilities.

On July 20, 2021, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) and the Clean Energy Organizations (CEOs) jointly filed a letter suggesting an indefinite suspension of the comment period until the applicants file additional information with the public and the Commission, and that a public input meeting be held. The applicants filed a response to the MCEA/CEO on July 21, 2021.

Initial comments were filed by the Department of Commerce on July 19, and LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota on July 22, 2021.

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Dated this 26th day of July, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard

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