STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy and Xcel Energy for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota.

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This matter was remanded to Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis of the Office of Administrative Hearings by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on July 27, 2010. The Commission directed that the ALJ reconvene the hearing for consideration of additional evidence regarding the Minnesota River crossing by the proposed High Voltage Transmission Line to run from Brookings, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota, in particular whether it is preferable to cross the Minnesota River at Belle Plaine or at Le Sueur and which crossover route is preferable (if a crossing at Belle Plaine is preferred).

Pursuant to the Commission's direction, a Prehearing Conference will be held on **August 16, 2010** at 2:30 p.m. in the Large Hearing Room at the Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147. Persons participating in the Prehearing Conference should be prepared to address the question of how best to proceed on remand and discuss time frames, scheduling, and procedures for soliciting and receiving public comment on the remanded issues.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Title:	ITMO th	e Route	Permit
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MPUC No. ET-2/TL-08-1474 OAH Docket No. 7-2500-20283-2

Michael Lewis certifies that on the 12th day of August, 2010, he served a true and correct copy of the **NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE** by eFiling, and U.S. Mail, (in the manner indicated below) to the following individuals:



