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Mr. Robert Norcross, Administrator  
Gas and Energy Division  
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Re: PSCW Docket No. 5 CE 136

Dear Mr. Norcross:

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission (WIMRPC) recently have had the opportunity to see and subsequently carefully reviewed the document entitled "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application" dated January 2011 and also the Wisconsin Public Service Commission response date February 1, 2011. Although we note that the Great River Road is referred to in the aforementioned documents – nowhere is its stature and significance as a national and state resource articulated. Consequently it is requested that a succinct definition be articulated and included in the Appendix of the application. Fulfilling this request would provide authors and reviewers a broader and deeper understanding of particularly the Q1 Alternative impacts on the virtues of the Great River Road National Scenic Byway – which, in the aforementioned application, are not meaningfully stated. Also all acronym references in the document should be GRRNSB.

On behalf of the WIMRPC it is requested that the definition articulate (but not be limited to): the birth of GRR (both nationally and in Wisconsin) dating back to the 1930's; the legislatively established Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission WIMRPC and duties; Wisconsin's concern for protecting the GRR view shed resulting in purchasing scenic easements (1950 era) ; by petition of Wisconsin the GRR was designated a National Scenic Byway by Federal Highway's National Scenic Byway Program in 2000 and WIMRPC being designated the byway agency; the enumeration of the 6 intrinsic qualities characteristic of National Scenic Byways; etc

Sincerely,

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