

EASEMENT

EASEMENT NO #: IM-PE-030

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that Hubbard County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota "Grantor", whether one or more, whose post office address is: 301 Court Ave., Park Rapids, MN 56470, in consideration of forty four thousand sixty five dollars (\$44,065.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto Great River Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation, "Grantee", its post office address being 12300 Elm Creek Blvd, Maple Grove, MN 55369-4718, and to its successors and assigns, the right to enter upon the following described real property (the "easement area") in Hubbard County, Minnesota situated in:

Section 20 & 21, Township 141N, Range 35W.

more particularly described on attached **Exhibits A & B**

for the following purposes:

To construct, reconstruct, relocate, operate, repair and maintain on the easement area, and in or upon all streets, roads or highways abutting said lands, an electric transmission line or system, consisting of single pole structures and appurtenances, and telecommunications facilities, including fiber optic cable.

To permit or otherwise agree to the joint use or occupancy of the transmission line or system and the easement area by any other person(s) or entity(ies) for the construction, reconstruction, relocation, operation, maintenance and repair of aboveground or underground facilities for the transmission or distribution of electric energy and telecommunications, including fiber optic cable.

Together with the right of reasonable ingress to and egress from the easement area over and across the lands adjoining the easement, the right to occupy and use that part of the lands adjoining the easement area necessary for the performance of the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, relocation and repair of the electric transmission or distribution line or system or communication facilities, the right from time to time to cut down, trim, or, in any manner, eliminate all trees, shrubbery or brush located within the easement area and the right to cut down from time to time all other dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees located on lands adjoining said easement area that are tall enough to come within 5 feet of striking any part of said transmission line or system in falling. Election by Grantee to not exercise all or any part of its rights at any time shall not constitute forfeiture of any such rights.

Grantor reserves the right to cultivate, use and occupy said easement area, except, that without the prior written approval of Grantee, Grantor shall not erect thereon any structures or other objects or improvements, permanent or temporary, except fences, streets, roads, and underground improvements, such as utilities. Grantor further agrees not to perform any act which will interfere with or endanger said transmission line.

Grantor covenants for the benefit of Grantee, its successors and assigns, that Grantor is the owner of the Premises and has the right to convey the Easement as set forth herein.

Grantee agrees to pay Grantor for this easement prior to the construction of said line or system on the easement area.

Further, Grantee agrees to pay a reasonable sum for any damage caused to crops, fences, roads, fields, lawns or other improvements by the construction, reconstruction, relocation, operation, maintenance, or repair of said line, system, or communication facilities within the easement area.

All facilities installed and placed by Grantee or its permittee(s) on said lands shall remain the property of Grantee or its permittee(s), removable at the option of Grantee or its permittee(s).

All easement rights conveyed to the Grantee shall revert to the Grantor in entirety, in the event Grantee ceases use of the easement as an electric transmission line/system.

Grantee shall be responsible for control of invasive vegetation within the easement area.

This Easement has been duly executed by Grantor on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

GRANTOR

Cal Johannsen
County Board Chairman

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2018, by
Cal Johannsen, County Board Chairman

_____ (Notary)

Drafted By: Great River Energy
Land Rights Department
12300 Elm Creek Blvd
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(To be returned to same after recording.)