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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S.MAIL

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Notice of Election to Seek Local Review of Proposed Transmission Line and Substation

Dear Dr. Haar:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216E.05, subd. 3 and Minn. R. 7850.5300, subp.3, Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC (“Pleasant Valley”) hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of its election to seek local approval of transmission line route and substation associated with the proposed Pleasant Valley Wind Project (“Project”), a 200 MW large wind energy conversion system that was permitted by the Commission in 2010 and amended in 2013 in Docket No. IP-6828/WS 09-1197. Consistent with Minn. R.7850.5300, subp. 3, Pleasant Valley will provide this notice of its election to seek local approval to the general notification list maintained by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting unit.

Pleasant Valley previously completed the local approval process through Mower County for transmission and substation facilities associated with the Project. The Environmental Assessment that was completed as part of this is documented in Docket No. IP-6828/LR 09-1198. Due to changes in the Project, including modifications to the proposed transmission and substation facilities, Pleasant Valley plans to work with Mower County to complete a new Environmental Assessment for an overhead 161 kV transmission line route with a length of less than 10 miles and one 34.5/161 kV Project substation. As shown on the attached map, Pleasant Valley is currently considering two transmission line route options between the proposed Pleasant Valley Wind Project substation in Section 20 of Sargeant Township and the existing Great River Energy (“GRE”) Pleasant Valley Station in the NW ¼ of Section 19 of Pleasant Valley Township, all in Mower County.

Upon completion of the Environmental Assessment, Pleasant Valley plans to submit to Mower County new applications for Conditional Use Permits for the final selected transmission line route and substation. The facilities are part of the Pleasant Valley Project and will facilitate the delivery of the Project’s output to the point of interconnection at the Xcel Energy’s 161 kV bus located within GRE’s Pleasant Valley Station.



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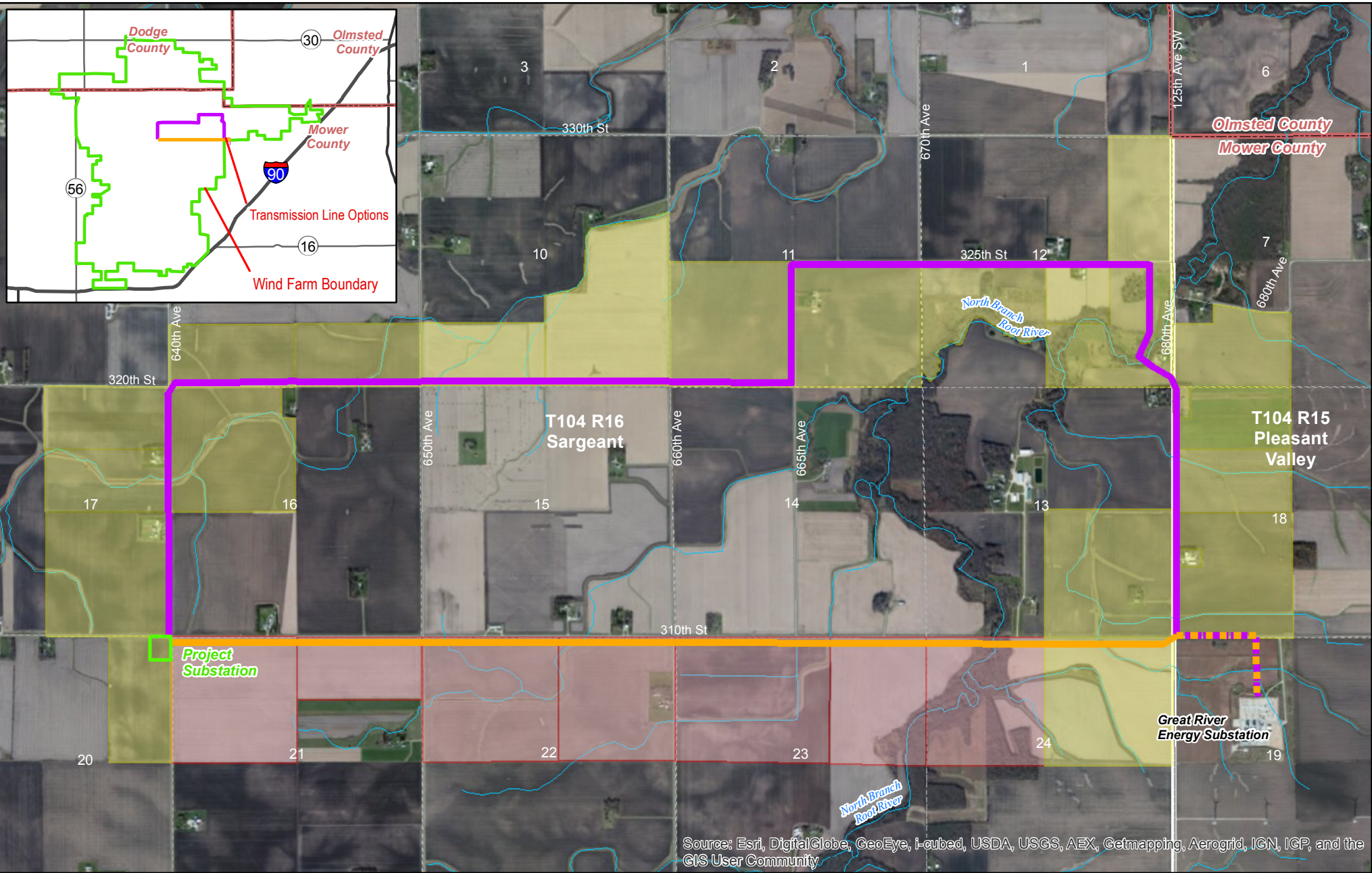
During the Mower County Board meeting on October 8th, 2013, Pleasant Valley requested that Mower County take jurisdiction of the local review of the transmission line, and the Board of Commissioners accepted jurisdiction. Ms. Angela Knish of Mower County can be contacted at (507) 437-9560 for further information regarding the local permitting process for the Pleasant Valley Project. Additionally, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Markell', is positioned below the 'Sincerely,' text.

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cc: Minnesota PUC's General List of Interested Persons
Deborah Pile, Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting
Angela Knish, Mower County



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Transmission Right-Of-Way - Option 1 Proposed Transmission Right-Of-Way - Option 2 Proposed Substation (not to scale) 	<p>Parcels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement Obtained Agreement Not Obtained/Under Negotiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road River/Stream County Boundary
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**Proposed Substation and Transmission Line Options
Pleasant Valley Wind Project
Mower County, Minnesota**