

Mach 14, 2023

Nathan Domyahn
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RE: Suspension of Authorization to Construct and Operate Equipment for the Combustion of Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Oil in Existing Turbine (EQUI 10) at Great River Energy – Cambridge

Dear Nathan Domyahn;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is suspending the authorization granted by Air Emission Permit No. 05900014-103, for Great River Energy (GRE) – Cambridge to construct and operate equipment for the combustion of ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) at an existing combustion turbine identified in the permit as EQUI 10. The authorization to add ULSD was requested by GRE in an application for a major amendment received by the MPCA on November 18, 2021. The MPCA processed this application with a separate application for the reissuance of the Part 70 operating permit received on December 30, 2019, in the issuance of Air Emission Permit No. 05900014-103, effective on October 5, 2022.

After Air Emission Permit No. 05900014-103, was issued by the MPCA, we were informed that the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) received a petition requesting an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the ULSD project and that the EQB published the decision to order an EAW in the EQB monitor on June 28, 2022. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 116D.04, subd. 2b and Minn. R. 4410.3100, a final governmental decision such as the issuance of a permit may not be made until 1) a negative declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is issued, 2) an EIS has been determined adequate, or 3) the EQB grants a variance or authorizes emergency action to proceed. Because of this prohibition on a final governmental decision, the MPCA is suspending authorization for GRE to initiate any construction or operation with respect to the addition of ULSD included in Air Emission Permit No. 05900014-103.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-757-2633.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Pak

This document has been electronically signed.

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cc: Adam Salzer, GRE-HQ