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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to to request that the PUC hold a public hearing on the ‘Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Power Plants or Lines; Revising the Certificate of Need and Site and Route Permits Requirements.’ I oppose the proposed rule in its entirety.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and it is critical that Commission rules include mechanisms for incorporating climate mitigation and adaptation into its decision making, including accounting for greenhouse gas emissions and cumulative impacts. Yet these rules fail to do so.

Many communities are disproportionately harmed both by climate change and other pollution impacts from energy generation, and it is critical that Commission rules adequately protect these communities so that there is equitable distribution of the harms and benefits of power generation. These rules fail to do so.

Decisions made around power plants and transmission siting have impacts for decades, and proposed rules must be crafted with input from stakeholders and members of the public and ensure a public engagement process that is accessible to all while prioritizing Tribal Nations and impacted communities. These rules fail to do so.

For these reasons and more I oppose these rules and request a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

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