

1 INFORMATION AND EA SCOPING MEETING - ET-3/TL-24-95

2 NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

3 BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

4 AND MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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7 In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power  
8 Cooperative for the Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission  
9 Line in Fillmore County, Minnesota

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25 STENOGRAPHIC COURT REPORTER: Jacquelyn Young, RPR

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10 Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
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12 DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE: Caleb  
13 Hefti and Jessica Sandry  
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24	WHEREUPON, the following proceedings	
25	were duly had and entered of record, to wit:	

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Well, hi,  
3 everyone. It's 6:01, so we'll start the  
4 presentation. We'll have the PUC and the Department  
5 of Commerce and then Dairyland, the Applicant, go  
6 through some information. And then afterwards we'll  
7 have opportunity for comments and questions orally.

8 And there's a court reporter here  
9 that can take it all down, and then I'll provide  
10 some contact information and stuff afterwards so.

11 My name is Trevor Culbertson. I am  
12 an energy facilities planner with the Minnesota  
13 Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources  
14 Permitting Unit.

15 So thank you for coming here today  
16 and taking time out of your evening. This is an  
17 important part of the permitting process and we  
18 appreciate and value your input.

19 The commissioners will base their  
20 decision based on the record developed, so the more  
21 complete and comprehensive it is, the better. So  
22 your -- your input is important.

23 So this is the public information and  
24 environmental assessment scoping meeting on  
25 Dairyland Power Cooperative's Beaver Creek 161 kV

1 transmission line project. Today is November 11,  
2 2024, and we are in --

3 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: November 12th.

4 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: November  
5 12th. Thank you.

6 November 12, 2024, and we are in  
7 LeRoy, Minnesota.

8 So with Dairyland Power, we have  
9 Caleb Hefti amongst the team. That's the project  
10 lead.

11 And with the Minnesota Department of  
12 Commerce, we have Larry Hartman, who is an  
13 environmental review manager with the Energy  
14 Environmental Review and Analysis Unit.

15 The meeting agenda will include a  
16 brief summary of the permitting process, a  
17 description of the project by Dairyland, and a  
18 summary and explanation of the environmental review  
19 that will be done by the Minnesota Department of  
20 Commerce.

21 So just a brief -- the purpose of  
22 this is to provide information about the project  
23 and our permitting process. It will be an  
24 opportunity to participate in what we call the scope  
25 of the environmental assessment that Larry will

1 explain more, and then provide information about  
2 how to comment beyond this, and there will be other  
3 opportunities as well to provide your input.

4 So just a brief overview. The Public  
5 Utilities Commission is the government unit that  
6 reviews applications and issues site and route  
7 permits for energy projects in the state. The  
8 Department of Commerce manages the environmental  
9 review side of it and prepares, in this case, what  
10 is called an environmental assessment of the  
11 proposed project.

12 And then later on, it will be next  
13 year, we'll have a public hearing, which is similar  
14 to this. There will actually be an administrative  
15 law judge that will facilitate it, and they'll take  
16 a report of your comments and everything that's been  
17 going on in the process. And they call it the  
18 findings, conclusions, and recommendations, and they  
19 will provide it to the Commission as part of their  
20 decision.

21 I don't need to go through all this,  
22 but we're consisted of five commissioners. They're  
23 appointed by the governor. We regulate three  
24 things: Electricity, natural gas, and telephone  
25 services. Our mission is to ensure safe, adequate

1 and efficient utility services at fair and  
2 reasonable rates and to provide independent  
3 professional oversight and regulation of utility  
4 providers in a manner that is consistent with the  
5 public interest.

6 So the project requirements for this  
7 project is a route permit, which is required for any  
8 high-voltage transmission line with a capacity  
9 between 100 and 200 kilovolts that is also more than  
10 1,500 feet in length.

11 In deciding to approve a route  
12 permit, the Commission considers a lot of things -  
13 things like public health, current human  
14 settlements, any potential impacts on local  
15 economies, like ag; any, you know, archaeological  
16 historical resources that may be in the area; and,  
17 of course, the natural environment. They also  
18 consider how it may affect our energy infrastructure  
19 at the time, including costs, efficiency, and  
20 reliability.

21 So here's just a timeline. This is  
22 under the alternative process. So they submitted an  
23 application in -- in August, it was accepted in  
24 October. We now have the public information  
25 meetings, one today, and there's information,

1 multiple, including this and other handouts, and  
2 the notice that you should have gotten about a  
3 virtual meeting tomorrow that will be over the same  
4 stuff. It's just another opportunity for people to  
5 be involved.

6 And then the stuff in red we haven't  
7 locked in yet. We will actually have a meeting in  
8 a couple of weeks, and that's just a rough timeline  
9 of when the public hearings will be and when the  
10 final decision might be. And you'll get another  
11 notice about those public hearings that will  
12 probably be here but in a similar venue within the  
13 project area.

14 So now I'll hand it over to Caleb.

15 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Good evening,  
16 everybody. Again, thank you for joining us this  
17 evening to do the public information and  
18 environmental assessment scoping meeting today.

19 Next slide, please.

20 I'd like to introduce myself. My  
21 name is Caleb Hefti. I'm the project manager for  
22 the Beaver Creek transmission line project that  
23 we're discussing, and with me I have the Dairyland  
24 Power Cooperative team with me to help answer any  
25 questions that you may have.



1                   Next slide, please.

2                   So the quick project overview is that  
3 we have a three and a half mile line that we're  
4 going to be building of 161 kV transmission line in  
5 the York Township in Fillmore County, and that is  
6 the proposed route on the maps that we were looking  
7 at earlier as well.

8                   Next slide, please.

9                   The project will include several  
10 benefits for Minnesota and to the Upper Midwest. As  
11 you can see on the slide, maintain reliability for  
12 local and regional customers, relieving congestion  
13 along the energy grid, increasing resilient  
14 electrical transmission infrastructure, and  
15 continuing the enablement of the delivery of  
16 renewable energies to the grid.

17                  Next slide, please.

18                  This is the structure design that you  
19 can see here in the picture. And that's the  
20 anticipated design with steel transmission  
21 structures. This is a single-pole style for most  
22 structures. The structures will be anywhere from  
23 75 to 140 foot in height, and the right-of-way width  
24 will be 100 feet, 50-foot on each side of the  
25 centerline of where the poles are. And typically

1       these structures will sit anywhere from 300 to 1,000  
2       feet apart from each other.

3               Please note that these designs are  
4       subject to change based on final detail engineering  
5       and other factors as we go through this application  
6       process.

7               Next slide, please.

8               We are currently anticipating this  
9       following schedule right now. In 2017 is when this  
10      project was identified by MISO to begin work. In  
11      2023, we began the route development process, public  
12      and stakeholder outreach, and our preliminary  
13      engineering.

14              Right now we are submitting our route  
15      permit application, doing land survey and design,  
16      working with landowners to purchase easements and  
17      acquiring additional permits as required. And we  
18      anticipate around 2026, 2027 for a construction  
19      start date, with in-service and project area  
20      restoration in 2027. This schedule is, of course,  
21      subject to change.

22              Next slide, please.

23              Up there you can see the project team  
24      information. We have the e-mail,  
25      Beavercreek@dairylandpower.com, and the QR code and

1 phone number as well as our website for any contact  
2 that you'd like to have with us or any questions  
3 that you may have.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Thanks, Caleb.  
6 So now I'll hand it over to Larry.

7 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: I'll stand up, I  
8 guess, while I can. My name is Larry Hartman. I'm  
9 with the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and I  
10 work in the unit called the Energy Environmental  
11 Review Analysis. So we're responsible for preparing  
12 the environmental review documents required for  
13 energy infrastructure projects.

14 As mentioned, this one is going to be  
15 the alternative review process, which is somewhat  
16 shorter than the longer process, but it depends on  
17 how you define time.

18 In terms of handouts, the Commission  
19 has some handouts over there. I have three handouts  
20 over there. One is just kind of a general schematic  
21 of the transmission line and permitting process. I  
22 then have a similar thing project specific for this  
23 project.

24 And also there's a folded document  
25 over there. If you decide after the meeting tonight

1 or the meeting tomorrow night that you didn't get  
2 your questions answered tonight or you have other  
3 questions, please fill out one -- pick up one of  
4 these forms. There's multiple forms. Give them to  
5 your friends or school teachers or whomever, and if  
6 you have any comments, please fill those -- please  
7 submit them in writing.

8 It's -- it has my name and address on  
9 it. I do not provide a stamp. I tried that one  
10 time and I got in trouble with the postal system, so  
11 I can't do that anymore. And these are due, I  
12 think, December 5th or December 3rd. I forget which  
13 day.

14 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: December 3rd.

15 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: December 3rd.

16 Well, it was one of two dates.

17 So anyhow, we're responsible for  
18 preparation of the environmental document. Again,  
19 as Trevor somewhat touched on -- Sorry. Some of  
20 this is repetitive in nature, but I guess it's an  
21 attempt to drive home the point.

22 We'll look at the potential human  
23 environmental impacts associated with the project,  
24 which means we'll be being looking at the project,  
25 the area along the project on either side or

1 adjacent areas. For example, if there is anything  
2 unique about the area; any specialty crops, for  
3 example. If the project has specialty crops along  
4 there, which may take different farming techniques  
5 to bring those in. I worked in Ontario once and  
6 they had a lot of tobacco farms. Tobacco is a lot  
7 different than corn or beans or something else like  
8 that.

9 If you have any thoughts about how to  
10 minimize, avoid, or mitigate impacts, please  
11 include those in your comments either tonight here  
12 if you can or else in writing prior to December 3rd.

13 We are a neutral third party. We do  
14 not advocate for or against. We just basically  
15 prepare and present the information to the public  
16 and the Commission. And our environmental documents  
17 will be introduced into the hearing record of this  
18 proceeding.

19 Basically the goal is to provide  
20 information to be used for informed decision making.  
21 People can propose routes; for example, the route  
22 segments. For example, if you think there's  
23 something critical along or on your property, you  
24 think it might be possible to move it -- Now, in  
25 this case, the company is looking, as I indicated,

1 a right-of-way of 100 feet in width.

2 The route that they've applied for is  
3 about 500 feet in width. In a couple of areas it's  
4 a little bit wider. That's to provide flexibility  
5 to accommodate special circumstances, and special  
6 circumstances is perhaps what's important to you.

7 The Commission -- Again, if you want  
8 to propose an alternative route or route segment,  
9 we can cover that in more detail later on. We have  
10 a sheet on that also. And, again, that has to be  
11 submitted by December 3rd also.

12 The purpose is to mitigate potential  
13 impacts and be specific and identifiable. I'll give  
14 you an example. One of the first projects I worked  
15 on was in Ontario. It wasn't a very large project.  
16 And one of the individuals was very concerned about  
17 aliens coming on, flying over the power line and  
18 sucking up power and not paying for it. He had no  
19 objection to the line, but, for example, that might  
20 not be considered a valid comment, something that  
21 we would pursue. But, again, everybody has their  
22 own take or opinion on that.

23 Next slide, please.

24 Again, you can make comments tonight.  
25 You can submit a comment sheet and you can comment

1 online. We have an online form also. Again, the  
2 comment form over there is a trifold. It has my  
3 address on it. Mail it to me, and, again, that's  
4 December 3rd.

5 Next slide.

6 Again, I've already said this, but  
7 just keep it up there, that we're looking to  
8 mitigate human and environmental impacts, strategies  
9 to mitigate impacts, and that can often be  
10 incorporated into Commission permits as conditions.  
11 And, again, if you have any alternatives to the  
12 proposed project that could also mitigate impacts.

13 Typically for a transmission line,  
14 there aren't a lot of alternative, but it might be  
15 a different location or something else. For  
16 example, the transmission configuration, and the  
17 point I'm using, is referred to as a delta  
18 configuration. And say, for example, if there's  
19 ample space and the configuration doesn't work, you  
20 can move it horizontally or your conductor  
21 condemnation zone. So those are just a few  
22 examples.

23 Next one.

24 Again, this is kind of a sheet with a  
25 lot of information on it. Again, it kind of

1 summarizes and it's part of the Power Point  
2 presentation. So you have that if you pick that up.

3 And, again, kind of our rules here.  
4 One speaker at a time. Please state and spell your  
5 name for the court reporter. I think we can ignore  
6 the time limits. There's not that many people here.  
7 Be respectful of others and what they have to say,  
8 and please try to direct your comments to the scope  
9 of the EA.

10 If you have project questions or  
11 questions about the Commission, please feel free to  
12 ask those also.

13 So with that, I'll turn it over and  
14 open it up to public comments. I don't know if  
15 anybody has any comments or questions.

16 There was a gentleman over here and  
17 he and I have spoken on the phone and had a brief  
18 discussion tonight about some of his concerns. I  
19 was down here earlier today and I drove the route,  
20 I guess twice, up and down, so I'm somewhat familiar  
21 with the area. But, again, you know more about it  
22 than I do.

23 So, again, any questions or comments,  
24 we'll try to answer them to accommodate you.

25 This could be a short meeting. Yes.



1 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: This is just  
2 trivia probably --

3 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, sir. You  
4 need to identify yourself.

5 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: I'm sorry. My  
6 name is Todd Stockdale. T-o-d-d, S-t-o-c-k-d-a-l-e.

7 And I have property on the line, and  
8 I'm just wondering if I could have a schematic of  
9 the structure. Because when this stuff isn't going  
10 to happen for three, four years, I don't remember  
11 things as good as I used to, and I might forget  
12 exactly what we're discussing here tonight three  
13 and four years from now.

14 So I know it's a trivial thing, but  
15 I'll keep it in my file and then I won't embarrass  
16 myself again later.

17 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Did you get a copy  
18 of the application sent to you?

19 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: I don't know.

20 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Did you -- Caleb,  
21 did you send applications to landowners?

22 MS. BRIDGET DUFFAS: We sent notices  
23 to them.

24 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Can you print off  
25 a copy of the structure design? Do you have the

1 application part?

2 MR. DAN SCHMIDT: I can see what I  
3 have.

4 MS. BRIDGET DUFFAS: It's Figure 3-1  
5 in the application.

6 MR. DAN SCHMIDT: I don't have the  
7 application.

8 MS. BRIDGET DUFFAS: If you pull one  
9 of the pages from the binders, it's in there.

10 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: It's in the Power  
11 Point presentation. I'm like you, I forget things  
12 also.

13 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: Yeah, it's not  
14 as good as it used to be.

15 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: In fact, when I  
16 started in this career path, my hair was dark and  
17 my teeth were white and now my hair is white and my  
18 teeth are dark. So it kind of sums up the arc of  
19 time.

20 And as mentioned, the structures are  
21 120 to 140 feet in height. Do you have that Power  
22 Point presentation?

23 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: I have that one,  
24 but she says she has a more specific one.

25 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Sure. Page 8.

1 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: Yes.

2 MS. BRIDGET DUFFAS: Page 22.

3 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Okay. Thank  
4 you.

5 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Does anyone else  
6 have any questions?

7 MR. JAMES WENDEL: I have a question.  
8 My name is James Wendel. J-a-m-e-s, W-e-n-d-e-l.

9 Will this eliminate -- I just had  
10 this question asked to me because I talked to a lot  
11 of landowners and owners in the area. Is it going  
12 to eliminate anything with the current power lines?  
13 That orange where it's marked as the current  
14 transmission line, is any of that changing or is  
15 that all going to stay the same and it's just going  
16 to tie into that line? That's north of Highway 44  
17 and now it runs east and west.

18 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Correct. As of  
19 right now, it's going to be tied into that line, and  
20 as far as any retirements go, that's still being  
21 evaluated at this time.

22 MR. JAMES WENDEL: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: And the existing  
24 single-phase line parallel to 171 will be removed  
25 and buried underground, is my understanding.

1 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Could you repeat the  
2 question?

3 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Along 171st Avenue  
4 where the line is proposed to be a single-phase line  
5 there, that's going to be removed and buried or  
6 relocated?

7 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Yes.

8 MR. JAMES WENDEL: Another question.  
9 How much of an impact is there actually going to be  
10 to the land when they go to build these? Is most  
11 of the work done from the road or is it a concrete  
12 base? I'm just wondering how much disruption,  
13 actually like how much crop land they plan to use  
14 for that growing season or two while they're --  
15 while they're doing that.

16 I don't know how big this equipment  
17 is or if they do it from the road mostly or are they  
18 in the field. How that -- how that happens, I  
19 guess.

20 MS. JESSICA SANDRY: It's going to be  
21 a combination of both. We don't know what season  
22 we're building in yet, so I would suspect we would  
23 be using the road sometimes and we would be using  
24 that right-of-way strip on that outside on the  
25 private land side some times as well. We will

1       compensate for crop loss --

2                   MR. JAMES WENDEL:   Okay.

3                   MS. JESSICA SANDRY:   -- based on  
4       actuals after the project is complete and we can  
5       measure it.

6                   MR. JAMES WENDEL:   I'm hoping maybe  
7       there's some compensation for the township too if  
8       there's extra road use during that time.   I mean,  
9       it burns up a lot of gravel, and big equipment --  
10      You know what I mean?   Maybe --   I'm not the  
11      township, but hopefully, yeah.

12                   I've just seen projects like that  
13      before on my private projects.   I mean, I always ask  
14      this question.   They'll go in and tear up the --  
15      they'll do it in the spring and tear the heck out  
16      of a gravel road and we fight for three years to get  
17      our road back in the condition it was in before, you  
18      know.

19                   So that would be my biggest concern  
20      depending on the time of year, I guess, or if it's  
21      raining a lot or not when they're building.

22                   MR. LARRY HARTMAN:   Sometimes,  
23      depending on whether the facility might be solar or  
24      wind power, a lot of times they do a lot of damage.  
25      Typically the county has entered into an agreement

1 with the developer, so the county might designate,  
2 you know, if you're going to beat up roads or beat  
3 up these roads, then you have to come in and repair  
4 and pay for damages to the roads.

5 MR. CALEB HEFTI: And we do work  
6 with -- Sorry to interrupt. We do work with local  
7 road authorities as we go into these areas as well.

8 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: And typically they  
9 would have to get a permit to be in the road  
10 right-of-way. Typically -- I would assume your  
11 county road engineer would have validation authority  
12 from the township, not in all cases, so it would be  
13 important to find out if the township has delegated  
14 authority to the county for that. Sometimes the  
15 townships retain that authority themselves.

16 But we see more and more road  
17 development agreements where it involves  
18 infrastructure projects.

19 Any other questions?

20 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: Todd Stockdale  
21 again. Now that I have this picture, it almost  
22 looks to me like the foundation could almost be  
23 done with a big drill. Am I -- Is that possible?  
24 I mean, are you talking a 6-foot drill and just go  
25 straight down?

1 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Yes.

2 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: You know -- I  
3 mean, that's why I wanted a picture.

4 MR. CALEB HEFTI: Yeah. That is  
5 exactly how it will work.

6 MR. TODD STOCKDALE: That wouldn't  
7 take -- that wouldn't do a lot of destruction.

8 MR. JAMES WENDEL: Right.

9 MR. CALEB HEFTI: I mean, to get the  
10 equipment in there, you know, but it would be very  
11 minimal and very minimally invasive, correct.

12 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Any other  
13 questions? Do you have another one?

14 MR. JAMES WENDEL: Yep, I have another  
15 one. James Wendel again.

16 Does the fate of this project have  
17 anything to do with anything that happens in Iowa or  
18 is it like a certain item -- I know we're doing the  
19 things that have to do in Minnesota; right? Is  
20 there a process -- Can Iowa stop this project?

21 You know, I live on the border and  
22 hear things from both people. You hear people in  
23 Iowa, nope, not going to let it happen. I don't  
24 know if they have anything to do with it, but you  
25 just hear that stuff; right. I don't know if

1       that's -- I was just wondering, is that a thing  
2       that's a concern or is --

3                   MR. CALEB HEFTI: Right. As far as  
4       this line goes, it was identified by myself as a  
5       line that would be going in, and so per that study,  
6       the line would be going in. And so that it's on us  
7       to go ahead and work with the locals and try to  
8       make sure that we have the appropriate routing and  
9       environmental things dealt with to make sure that  
10      everyone is as happy as they can be.

11                  MR. JAMES WENDEL: Because you guys  
12      are going to make this happen one way or another and  
13      you're going to try to do it the right way?

14                  MR. CALEB HEFTI: Yeah.

15                  MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: So MISO is  
16      just like this regional organization that does  
17      planning for the infrastructure of energy and  
18      transmission.

19                  As far as for this decision, the  
20      Minnesota PUC doesn't coordinate their decisions  
21      with other states.

22                  MR. JAMES WENDEL: Right. Yeah. It's  
23      more of a question for them.

24                  MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Sure.

25                  MR. JAMES WENDEL: You guys can



1 approve it, but it still gets approved down  
2 there.

3 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Right.

4 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: It takes more than  
5 two people.

6 MR. JAMES WENDEL: Right.

7 MR. FRED SCHEEVEL: S-c-h-e-e-v-e-l,  
8 York Township.

9 The project sounds like it's going to  
10 go ahead. My concern is, is it going to be a one  
11 season project or will it overlap depending on when  
12 you start? Because we know we've got maintenance on  
13 the roads and whatnot.

14 I mean, if it runs through harvest  
15 time, it's going to be an impediment to like trucks  
16 and combines and all that. So I'm just asking if  
17 it's going to be a one-season construction or is  
18 possible that it might drag over to another?

19 MR. CALEB HEFTI: It depends on how  
20 things lay out on the project schedule and getting  
21 permitting completed and taken care of, but we'll  
22 do everything that we can to coordinate that  
23 construction schedule with the landowners.

24 MR. JAMES WENDEL: One question I  
25 have. James Wendel again.

1 Will you guys be in charge of burying  
2 the current lines or is that MiEnergy's  
3 responsibility?

4 MR. CALEB HEFTI: That would be  
5 MiEnergy's responsibility.

6 MR. JAMES WENDEL: So you will have  
7 two different projects which kind of have to happen.  
8 I can see that. One more thing that has to be  
9 coordinated; right?

10 MR. CALEB HEFTI: (Shakes head.)

11 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Any other  
12 questions? If there are no other questions, I'm not  
13 going to hold you here so.

14 No other questions at all? Okay.  
15 Well, no point in standing here, so thank you for  
16 attending and taking the time out of your schedule.

17 Again, be sure to pick up any  
18 information over here on the table. If you want to  
19 mail in a comment, there's a folded eight and a half  
20 by 11 there. You just have to put a stamp on it.  
21 Just make sure it's postmarked prior to  
22 December 3rd. If I get it December 5th, 6th, that's  
23 fine. I won't even ask any questions.

24 Again, thank you for attending.  
25 We'll be around here for a few minutes afterwards,

1       so if you have other questions.

2                   As I mentioned earlier, we'll review  
3       the environmental assessment and if you have  
4       comments after you leave tonight and maybe just want  
5       clarification, please feel to call me up. My  
6       cellphone number is the best way to get ahold of me.  
7       That's listed on the information available here  
8       also.

9                   Again, thank you for attending, and I  
10      look forward to seeing you again and perhaps more  
11      people also.

12                  MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Thanks for  
13      coming.

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15                  (Proceeding concluded at 6:30 p.m.)

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3 BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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8 Cooperative for the Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. TREVOR CULBERTSON: Okay. It is  
3 6:15. We don't have any public attendees, so we are  
4 good to end the meeting.

5 Before we go, Jackie, thank you and  
6 everybody for coming. I hope you all have a good  
7 evening.

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9 (Proceedings concluded at 6:16 p.m.)

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