

March 7, 2025

Will Seuffert
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Docket No. E295, E112-SA-25-115

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached are the comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Joint Request of Princeton Public Utilities and East Central
Energy to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

The Petition was filed by Spencer Fane LLP on behalf of Princeton Public Utilities and East Central Energy on 2/6/2025.

The filing constitutes a joint request on behalf Princeton Public Utilities and East Central Energy (collectively the Parties) to update the official service territory map to reflect an agreed-upon permanent boundary change for multiple areas located within the city limits of the City of Princeton and within the electric service territory assigned to the East Central Energy. The proposed change, if approved, will transfer electric service territory from East Central Energy to Princeton Public Utilities.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the joint request for the agreed-upon permanent boundary change from East Central Energy to Princeton Public Utilities and requests MNGEO update the service territory map, to reflect the changes on the map as provided. The Department is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sydnie Lieb, Ph.D.
Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Analysis

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Attachment



Before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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CHECKLIST FOR PROCESSING AGREED UPON SERVICE AREA TRANSFERS AND EXCEPTIONS

- ☒ A cover letter with the submitter's full contact information, including where to provide electronic service.
- ☒ A joint letter explaining the change.
 - ☒ Contact information for both utilities: Name, title, phone number, work address, email. Page 3 of the joint request.
 - ☒ Contact information, including email address, of the individuals who will update the electronic service territory map. Page 3 of the joint request.
 - ☒ Legal description of the property. N/A see reasoning on Page 2, "Underlying Information – where the Parties have agreed to work with MNGEO to accurately revise the boundaries."
 - ☒ Short explanation of why the agreement is consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.39. Page 1 and 2 of the joint request.
- Filing is related to:
 - ☒ Several permanent boundary changes, or Page 1 and 2 of the joint request.
 - ☐ Service by exception. The parties agree the limited right to serve by exception does not convey permanent rights to serve the exception area.
- ☒ Settlement Agreement, if applicable.
 - ☒ If yes, signed by authorized representatives of both utilities. Exhibit B-1
- ☒ A digital (PDF) map with the proposed transfer or exception clearly outlined. Exhibit A.
- ☐ Transfer or exception takes place on one of the Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota. N/A
 - ☐ If yes, utility documented consultation with the affected Tribal Nation at page ____.
- ☒ Affected customers received written notice, including utility and Commission contact information. Exhibit C.