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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to request a hearing in the rulemaking you are conducting on Certificates of Need, Powerplant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety.

This summer, my Twin Ports community experienced severe drought, poor air quality due to wildfires north of us, and record heat. We are in the midst of a climate crisis that will get worse, displacing people globally and continuing to cause irreparable harm to my community's home. It is absolutely critical that Commission rules include mechanisms for incorporating strong climate mitigation and adaptation into its decision making that align with the speed and scale that science demands and the climate justice our communities deserve. Yet the current rules miserably fail to do so.

Environmental justice communities -- poor communities and communities of color who have been systemically and systematically oppressed, in large part due to the energy sector -- are disproportionately harmed both by climate change and the pollution impacts from fossil fuel based energy generation. So, it is critical that Commission rules adequately protect environmental justice communities. Yet, these rules fail to do so.

Decisions made around power plants and transmission siting impact communities 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. Yet, these rules fail to do so.

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

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