

November 15, 2023

Executive Secretary Will Seuffert  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Certificate of Need for the Brookings County – Lyon County and Helena – Hampton Second-Circuit 345 -kV Transmission Project  
Docket CN 23-200

Dear Secretary Seuffert:

On behalf of Commissioner Petersen, I wish to inform the Commission that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has received, reviewed, and approved the draft Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan for the Brookings County – Lyon County and Helena – Hampton Second-Circuit 345 -kV Transmission Project.

As you know, these plans serve several objectives including outlining the appropriate construction procedures to protect the productivity of agricultural soil resources, protect surface and subsurface drainage infrastructure, and protect organic farming operations. These objectives ensure the continued productivity of agricultural operations after transmission line construction is completed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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