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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I am requesting that the PUC hold a public hearing on the "Proposed Permanent Rules Relation 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. Yet these rules fail to do so.

Environmental justice communities are disproportionately harmed both by climate change and other pollution impacts from energy generation, and it is critical that Commission rules adequately protect environmental justice communities. 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.

Thank you,
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