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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Petroleum Fuels Company for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit for the Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County, Minnesota  
PUC Docket Number: IP-7042/PPL-20-872

Dear Mr. Kaluzniak,

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued a Notice of Public Information Meeting on the Application of Petroleum Fuels Company for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit for the Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County, Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has reviewed the application regarding the proposed project and submits the following comments in response to the Notice.

Based on the information provided in the Permit Application, it appears that the project area does not directly affect the State of Minnesota Trunk Highway System. Petroleum Fuels Company (Applicant) may need to apply for oversize/overweight hauling permits during construction of this project. OSOW hauling information and permit applications can be found here: [OSOW PERMITS](#)

Because MnDOT's highway construction activities could impact the Applicant's plans to haul oversize loads to the proposed site, the Applicant will need to coordinate with MnDOT when planning such loads. This coordination includes, but is not limited to, State Project construction, holiday travel restrictions, seasonal load limits, vertical and width restrictions and new changes to escort requirements for oversized vehicles [Chapter 100 - MN Laws](#).

MnDOT has a continuing interest in working with the PUC, the DOC EERA and the Applicant to ensure that possible impacts to the entire state trunk highway system, traveling public and environmentally significant areas of concern are adequately addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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