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Good afternoon, Melissa -

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is proposing to relocate approximately 14 miles of 161-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and construct a new substation in Wabasha County, Minnesota (Project). The Project starts in Plainview Township, northeast of the Town of Plainview, and traverses northeast through Highland, Watopa, and Greenfield Townships, ending east of the City of Kellogg near the Mississippi River. The Proposed Route would primarily follow State Highway 42 and would also involve a crossing of State Highway 61 (Great River Road, Designated Scenic Byway) southwest of Kellogg.

The Project is a reroute of approximately 10.4 miles of the existing Dairyland LQ34 161-kV transmission line located on the existing CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse 345-kV structures. In July 2020, the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) approved a long-range transmission portfolio including a new Wilmarth-North Rochester-Tremval transmission line. This new 345-kV line would utilize the double circuit capability of the CapX2020 system between North Rochester and Alma, Wisconsin. Therefore, Dairyland's existing 161-kV circuit must be removed and relocated to make room for a new, second 345-kV circuit on the existing CapX2020 structures.

Dairyland is currently gathering information in preparation for filing its route permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, which it plans to submit in early 2024.

I have attached a Project fact sheet along with a map that shows the current location of the transmission line and the initial Proposed Route. I have also included a map of route alternatives considered by Dairyland. We would appreciate any input the MDNR may have on the Project and the proposed route and would like to propose a pre-application meeting to introduce the Project and review the initial route with interested MDNR staff. Would there be a good time in the next few weeks?

Let us know what works best for you.

Thank you,

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