

April 28, 2025

VIA EDOCKETS

Mr. Will Seuffert Executive Secretary Public Utilities Commission 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: EERA Comments on Administrative Law Judge's Report in the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Route Permit for the Wabasha 161 kV Transmission Line Relocation Project in Wabasha County.

OAH Docket 5-2500-40184 Docket No. ET-3/TL-23-388

Mr. Seuffert:

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations issued by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jim Mortenson for the Dairyland Power Cooperative Wabasha County 161 kV Transmission Line Relocation project.

EERA staff have no exceptions to the ALJ report. EERA appreciates the comprehensive analysis of the record and concurs with Judge Mortenson's recommendation that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant a route permit for the project.

EERA staff are available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

James E. Sullivan

**Environmental Review Manager** 

**Energy Environmental Review and Analysis** 

cc: Sam Lobby, Public Utilities Commission Bret Eknes, Public Utilities Commission Ray Kirsch, Commerce - EERA