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I am writing to submit my support for the Proposed Alternate Route B. I believe this route provides the least impact to property and the environment. I am a Minnesota Valley Electric customer.

I understand the need for expanding the grid – and thus our ability to provide increasing supplies of power to this rapidly-growing portion of the Twin Cities – through the installation of a new 115 kV transmission line in Carver County. And as a 30+ year environmental professional, I understand the need to consider potential environmental impacts when considering a project such as this.

I know the southwest Twin Cities metro area very well. I have had the honor to serve our communities in many ways over the years, including time in the State Legislature as a Representative for Chaska, Chanhassen, and Victoria (where my committee assignments included the Energy Committee), as a councilor on the Chaska City Council, as a commissioner in the Chaska City Planning Commission and the Carver County Planning Commission, and as a former manager and employee within Carver County Government. These various opportunities to serve have also provided me with the chance to get to know our communities and our residents – along with their thoughts, concerns, and needs.

I have several concerns regarding the primary “Proposed Route” of this 115-kV high voltage transmission line, along its journey from southeast to northwest. That Proposed Route would travel through at least two wetlands, cross over a railroad right-of-way (ROW), and result in the loss of several mature trees in a grove that has existed for decades. This route will also cross through the middle of several existing farm fields, which would likely result in reduced crop production, severe impacts to current and future values of those parcels of agricultural land, and restricted options for future uses.

On the other hand, the Proposed Alternative Route B does not feature any of those detrimental impacts mentioned above. Instead, Route B would travel along existing roads and ROWs. Employing the revised Route B, with a path along the north side of Augusta Road before heading south along

the east side of Kelly Avenue, would minimize or eliminate most all points of concern.

With these issues and opportunities in mind, I would like to submit my comments in support of the revised Alternative Route B for the 115 kV power line in Carver County. Thank you for this opportunity to share input.

Sincerely
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