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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Via email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

RE: PUC Docket Number 20-384

Dear PUC Members:

The Minnesota AgriGrowth Council (AgriGrowth) appreciates the opportunity to comment on PUC Docket Number 20-384. AgriGrowth is a nonprofit, nonpartisan member organization representing the agriculture and food systems industry. We seek to be a voice for Minnesota Agriculture and Ag Business, which accounts for one of Minnesota's most significant economic drivers and sectors across our state.

We are writing to encourage your support and prompt permitting of the "Walleye Wind LLC" 111.5 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System under current consideration. Farmers, the agri-food industry and supporting industries are among the most ardent environmentalists and are always seeking sensible ways to appropriately leverage natural resources and clean, renewable energy.

The Walleye Wind project will provide much needed energy to our region and will do so using clean, renewable wind power. It will benefit landowner farmers with important revenue outside of what they gain growing crops and raising livestock. As importantly, it will provide strong utility partners a great renewable source of energy to help it reach our state's clean energy and decarbonization goals.

The Walleye Wind project, and other NextEra projects supporting the Great River Energy clean energy goals are really positive for our state and for Greater Minnesota Communities.

We encourage you to permit this project without delay and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director