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In Chapter 6 of the Environmental Assessment Under 6.10.2 Reasonable Foreseeable Future Actions – Table 6.10-1 Current and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions – Project Skyway is listed as a major project that will require these transmission lines and substations. Under the description, it reads “At present, a single data center is planned on about 88 acres, with an approximate 2,850,000 square-foot data center building.” Per the City of Pine Island’s website – “The City has received preliminary development plans from the developer, which include two buildings. These buildings include a 300,000 square foot data center and a 30,000 square foot office building.” I see a pretty large discrepancy here. The City of Pine Island has approved a 300,000 square foot data center, not 2.85 million square foot facility, as described in this permit application.

Because Pine Island’s citizens have been informed of various changes to what was described as the original plan for Project Skyway, I’m not sure we’ve been correctly informed of the actual, true specifications for Project Skyway. This, in and of itself, creates a major discrepancy that needs to be addressed before any action is taken on this transmission line project or the data center development itself.

As the rest of the “Reasonable Foreseeable Future Actions” listed in Table 6.10-1 are Project Skyway AND energy/transmission line related projects, it’s obvious to infer that the influx of data centers in our Country is directly related to the sudden “need” to “future-proof” our energy requirements. Although the community at large has been assured this is not the case. A variety of sources have told us in Southeast Minnesota that the region does not currently require the level of energy this line will provide. Nor will the region’s energy demand increase to this level of demand for many years to come. UNLESS we are inundated with data centers, technology parks, technology centers, etc., THEN we will see the “need” for new and increased energy transmission lines. To me, it seems the cart has been placed before the horse. Until these hyper- scale AI data centers are better regulated by both state and federal laws to ensure the integrity of responsible, thoughtful, and environmentally sound data center development, putting the health and well-being of the community at the forefront of their

planning, I do not think this permit, or any others for similar purposes, should be approved or even considered. The environmental and long-term effects of a hyper-scale data center and the power required to operate it must be thoroughly researched and communicated honestly to community officials and the general public before any permits or further steps for this or any of these other transmission lines and data center construction take place.
