



RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

North Star Storage Project

PUC Docket No. IP-7155/ESS-25-123

OAH Docket No. 5-2500-40938

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations (Report) issued by Administrative Law Judge Jim Mortenson on January 20, 2026, for the North Star Storage Project (project).¹

EIP staff believes the Report accurately reflects the record for the project. Staff has no exceptions to the Report.

EIP staff appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sam Weaver'.

Sam Weaver

Environmental Review Manager

¹ CAH, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations, eDockets no. [20261-227122-01](#)