

May 18, 2021

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: EERA Comments and Recommendations on 1) Proposed Findings of Fact, and 2)
Proposed Pipeline Route Permit for the Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County
[Docket No. IP-7042/PPL-20-872]

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

EERA staff has reviewed the Proposed Findings of Fact (See eDockets at [20215-174057-01](#)) filed in this docket and believes the proposed findings accurately reflect the record developed in this proceeding and recommend Commission adoption.

EERA, on February 9, 2021, filed a “Sample Route Permit,” (See eDockets id. No. [20212-170802-01](#)) for public review and comment. Based on comments received EERA revised and updated this Sample Route Permit by incorporating special condition (6.1 below) (See eDockets at [20215-174260-01](#)) to mitigate potential issues identified by the city of Inver Grove Heights in their comments (See eDockets at [20214-172810-01](#)).

Section 6.1 City of Inver Grove Heights

The Permittee shall coordinate with the City of Inver Grove Heights to ensure that the pipeline is placed, to the extent practicable, in a manner consistent with the City’s plans for the Veteran’s Memorial Greenway Trail and the potential expansion of Rich Valley Blvd. Further the Permittee shall coordinate with the City regarding slope stability and potential erosion impacts in areas along the pipeline route identified by the city. The Permittee shall file documentation of this coordination and the results of the coordination with the plan and profile for the Project.

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EERA recommends the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) adopt the proposed findings, grant the partial exemption, and issue a Route Permit for the natural gas Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County to Petroleum Fuels Company. Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission might have.

Sincerely,

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