

December 19, 2024

Mr. Will Seuffert, Executive
Secretary Minnesota Public
Utilities Commission 127 7th Place
East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Scoping Summary and Recommendation
Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission Line Project
Docket No. ET3/TL-24-95

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff has completed the environmental assessment scoping process in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Route Permit
for the Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from October 22, 2024, through December 3, 2024. Public meetings for the project were held on November 12 and November 13, 2024. Verbal and written comments were received from the general public, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the applicant.¹ None of the commentors suggested an alternative route or route segments for the proposed 3.5-mile Beaver Creek 161 kV transmission line project in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

Accordingly, EERA staff recommends that the Commission authorize EERA to include in the scoping decision for the EA solely the route for the project identified by Dairyland Power Cooperative in its route permit application. EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry B. Hartman
Larry B. Hartman
Environmental Review Manager

¹ Verbal Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [202412-213123-01](#); Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets Nos. [202412-212653-01](#), [202412-212653-02](#) and [202412-212985-01](#).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marcella Emeott, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Comments

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Dated this **19th** day of **December 2024**

/s/Marcella Emeott

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