



RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

Laketown 115 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-24-132

OA# Docket No. 21-2500-40445

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations (ALJ report) issued by Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf on July 17, 2025, for the Laketown 115 kV Transmission Line Project (project).¹

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Logan Hicks'.

Logan Hicks

Environmental Review Project Manager

¹ On July 1, 2025, Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC EERA) unit staff moved to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (PUC EIP) unit as directed by state law (Laws of Minn. 2024, ch.126, art. 7). While DOC EERA staff initiated environmental review of this proposal prior to July 1, 2025, the environmental review is now being completed by PUC EIP staff. For accuracy related to procedural history, references to previous filings by EERA will be identified as such, and “EIP” will be referenced throughout the remainder of this document.