

## RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

Snowshoe Energy Storage Project

**PUC Docket No.** IP-7138/ESSS-24-279

**OAH Docket No.** 21-2500-40522

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 26, 2025, for the Snowshoe Energy Storage Project.<sup>1</sup>

EIP staff appreciates the comprehensive analysis of the record and has no objections to the findings, conclusions, and recommendations contained in the ALJ report.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> 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..