

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Mankato - Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission Line in Southeast Minnesota

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
INTERVENE BY
THE CLEAN ENERGY
ORGANIZATIONS (CEOs)**

This matter comes before Administrative Law Judge Ann C. O'Reilly pursuant to a Notice and Order for Hearing issued by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on June 26, 2024.

Valerie T. Herring, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, and Lauren Steinhäuser, Xcel Energy Services Inc., appear on behalf of Xcel Energy (Xcel or Applicant).

Katherine Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, appears on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department).

Amelia Vohs and Abigail Hencheck appear on behalf of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA), Fresh Energy, and Clean Grid Alliance (collectively the Clean Energy Organizations or CEOs).

Carol Overland, Legalectric, appears on behalf of NoCapX2020 and the Prehn Family.

Bret Eknes and Cezar Panait appear as staff for the Commission.

On December 23, 2024, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA), Fresh Energy, and Clean Grid Alliance (collectively the Clean Energy Organizations or CEOs) filed a Joint Petition to Intervene. No objections to the Petition were filed. The record closed on December 30, 2024, the deadline for filing objections to the Petition.¹

¹ See Minn. R. 1400.6200, subp. 2 (2023) (objections must be filed within seven days of service of the petition).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Joint Petition to Intervene filed by the Clean Energy Organizations is **GRANTED**.

2. The Clean Energy Organizations shall jointly participate in these proceedings as full parties.

3. Commission staff and/or staff of the Office of Administrative Hearings shall include the Clean Energy Organizations in the official service list as parties to this proceeding.

Dated: January 3, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. O'Reilly', is positioned above a horizontal line.

ANN C. O'REILLY
Administrative Law Judge

January 3, 2025

See Attached Service List

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Mankato - Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Southeast Minnesota*

**OAH 65-2500-40099
MPUC E-002/CN-22-532
MPUC E-002/TL-23-157**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE BY THE CLEAN ENERGY ORGANIZATIONS (CEOs)** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7857, nichole.sletten@state.mn.us, or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



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