

June 6, 2025

Will Seuffert
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: In the Matter of the 2025 Biennial Transmission Projects Report
Docket No. E999/M-25-99

Re: Department Request to seek additional funding

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) writes to seek authorization under Minn. Stat. § 216B.62, subd. 8 from the Minnesota Management and Budget to incur costs for specialized technical professional services. The Department requires specialized technical professional services for assistance in review of the upcoming November 3, 2025 Biennial Transmission Plan in this docket. The Department expects 14 utilities to file a single plan. The single plan will review in excess of 150 different transmission inadequacies. In addition, a subset of the 14 utilities will have to file evaluation of grid enhancing technologies as a solution for areas of forecasted high congestion. A thorough review of the anticipated information will require engineering expertise and staff time that the Department does not possess.

The Department has raised this issue and plan with the Minnesota Transmission Owners and other stakeholders and none have voiced any objections. The Department further requests that the Commission place this request on the consent agenda. The Department would like to have these professional technical services in place before the November filings to make the best use of the allotted notice and comment period.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sydnie Lieb, Ph.D.
Assistant Commissioner, Division of Energy Resources

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**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Letter**

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Dated this 6th day of June 2025

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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