



August 12, 2025

RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

Beaver Creek 115 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket No. ET3/TL-24-95

OAHL Docket No. 23-2500-40403

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 Suzanne Todnem on July 28, 2025, for the Beaver Creek 161 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,

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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.