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Dear Ms.Kahlert and MN Public Utilities Commission Staff,

Re: COMMENTS ON Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Certificates of Need and Site and Route Permits for Large Electric Power Plants and High-Voltage Transmission Lines, Minnesota Rules Chapters 7849 and 7850 and Governing Notice Plan Filing Requirements, Minnesota Rules, part 7829.2550; Request to Schedule a Rules Hearing; and Request to Review Additional Notice Plan; Including Repeal of Minn. R. 7829.2550; 7849.0230; 7849.0240; 7849.1100; 7849.1300; 7850.1600; 7850.2000; 7850.2600; 7850.2900; 7850.3000; 7850.3100; 7850.3200; 7850.3300; 7850.3400; 7850.3500; 7850.3600; 7850.4000; 7850.4200

I am writing to request a hearing in the rulemaking you are conducting on Certificates of Need, Powerplant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. **I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety.**

After the most recent IPCC report calling "Code Red" for humanity, it is entirely inappropriate for the Commission to update its rules without including any mechanisms for incorporating climate change mitigation or adaptation into its decision-making processes. Climate change is the biggest threat to public health impacting those in low income communities and communities of color disproportionately. **The Commission must not finalize these rules as proposed.**

For these reasons, and others I plan to share at the hearing, **I oppose these rules and request a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.**

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When the last tree has been cut down, the last fish caught, the last river

**poisoned, only then will we realize that one cannot eat money
- A Cree Indian Proverb**

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