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To the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

I request a hearing concerning rulemaking on Certificates of Need, Power Plant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. Let me be clear, I oppose the proposed amendments altogether.

It is crucial that the PUC's rules incorporate climate mitigation and adaptation as factors in decision making. That is not the case regarding your proposed rules. Because environmental justice communities are disproportionately harmed by climate change and other pollution impacts from generating energy, PUC regulations MUST adequately protect these constituencies.

Decisions about power plants and transmission siting have long-term impacts, so PUC must establish rules that include input from stakeholders and members of the public. But these rules do not do so.

For these reasons, I oppose these rules and request a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

Once again, I ask that the PUC hold a public hearing on the Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Power Plants or Lines; Revising the Certificate of Need and Site and Route Permits Requirements.

Sincerely,

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