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Will Seuffert  
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**VIA E-FILING**

**Re:**

**In the Matter of the Certificate of Need  
Application for the Minnesota Energy  
Connection Project in Sherburne,  
Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker,  
Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville,  
Redwood, and Lyon Counties in  
Minnesota**

**MPUC Docket No.  
E002/CN-22-131**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Enclosed and e-filed in MPUC Docket No. E002/CN-22-131, please find the Initial Comments of the Joint Commenters on the Merits of the Certificate of Need Application.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brandon Crawford  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brandon Crawford, hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the following documents to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

1. Initial Comments of the Joint Commenters on the Merits of the Certificate of Need Application

Dated this 6th day of September, 2024.

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