

RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

Crane and Sandhill Battery Energy Storage Projects
PUC Docket No. IP-7148/ESS-24-406, IP-7149/ESS-24-407
OAH Docket No. 21-2500-40988

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 Megan McKenzie on February 12, 2026, for the Crane and Sandhill Battery Energy Storage Projects (projects).¹

EIP staff believes the report accurately reflects the record for the project. Staff has no exceptions to the report.

EIP staff appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,



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¹ CAH, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations, eDockets No. [20262-228098-01](#)