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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

With this comment, I am requesting a public hearing on the rulemaking you are conducting on Certificates of Need, Powerplant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines.

Due to the following reasons, I oppose the proposed rules in their entirety:

- The rules are out of date and do not reflect the current necessity for climate change mitigation.
- Many communities, especially low-income and black, indigenous and people of color are disproportionately damaged by both the impacts of climate change and pollution from energy generation. The rules you propose to pass do not protect these communities.

1. Input from stakeholders, members of the public, and, of priority, Tribal Nations, is essential. There has been inadequate provision for public comments.

Therefore, I oppose these rules in their entirety and request a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge to give all interested and affected parties the opportunity to comment on this extremely important matter.

Thank you for registering my comment on the procedure in this matter,

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