

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest SERVICE DATE: January 21, 2025
LLC for a Route Permit for the 161 kV
Transmission Line from Forks Substation to Rost DOCKET NO. ET-6675/TL-24-232
Substation in Jackson County, MN

The above-entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Authorized the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis to solely include in the scoping decision for the environmental analysis (EA) the route for the project identified by ITC Midwest LLC in its route permit application.

This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce, which are attached and hereby incorporated into the Order.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Seuffert".

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary

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January 8, 2025

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Scoping Summary and Recommendation
Forks-Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project
Docket No. ET-6675/TL-24-232

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff has completed the environmental assessment scoping process in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Forks-Rost 161 kV Switching Station and Forks-Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson County, Minnesota.

The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from November 19, 2024, through December 24, 2024. Public meetings for the project were held on December 4, 2024, and December 10, 2024. Verbal and written comments were received from the public and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.¹ None of the commentors suggested an alternative route or route segment for the proposed 8.5-mile 161 kV transmission line project.

Accordingly, EERA staff recommends that the Commission authorize EERA to include in the scoping decision for the EA solely the route for the project identified by ITC Midwest LLC in its route permit application. EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry B. Hartman
Larry B. Hartman
Environmental Review Manager

¹ Verbal Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [202412-213293-01](#) and [202412-213294-01](#); Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets Nos. [202412-213319-01](#) and [202412-213319-02](#).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hannah Olson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or 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.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ORDER

Docket Number ET-6675/TL-24-232
Dated this 21st day of January, 2025

/s/ Hannah Olson

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