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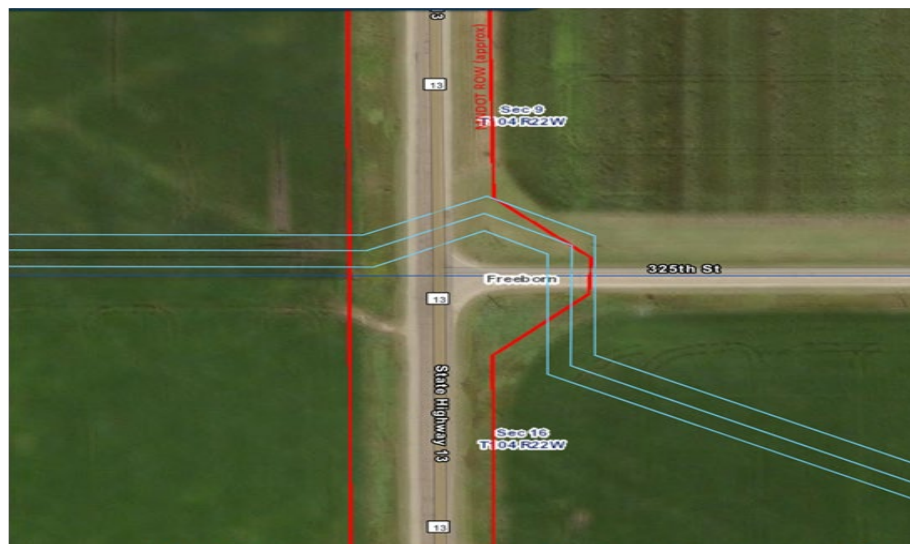
RE: In the Matter of Wisconsin Power & Light Company's Site Permit Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of up to 153 MW in Freeborn County, Minnesota  
Docket Number: P-7145/WS-24-349

Dear Mr. Davis,

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a Notice of Public Information Meetings on Wisconsin Power & Light Company (Applicant) for the Bent Tree North Wind Farm (Project) noted above. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has reviewed the application and other available materials regarding the proposed Project and submits the following comments and recommendations in response to the Notice.

As proposed, MnDOT anticipates incurring minimal impacts to state trunk highway (TH) right-of-way (ROW) and interests. Aside from one Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) site in proximity to the collection line crossing TH 13 and 325<sup>th</sup> Street, there are no other overlapping areas of Environmental Stewardship concerns.

The Applicant's consultants have been made aware that MnDOT requests further discussion regarding the Project's collection line occupation of TH13 at 325<sup>th</sup> St. Further consultation is required to work through an alignment that would be permittable in this area prior to any utility permit applications MnDOT will receive. It is not likely that MnDOT would permit the collection line alignment as currently proposed.



 Collection Lines

 Approximate MnDOT ROW

Should the Commission issue a permit for the Project, continued coordination with MnDOT staff is expected. Any MnDOT permits required as a part of this Project can be coordinated at an earlier time but may not be issued until the Commission has approved all necessary permits for this Project. All applicable [permitting](#), [traffic control](#) and construction coordination efforts should be made through the appropriate MnDOT [district staff](#). MnDOT District Specialists should be given the opportunity to participate in pre-construction meetings as they apply to MnDOT- owned property.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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