

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland  
Power Cooperative for a Route Permit for  
the Beaver Creek 161-kV Transmission  
Line in Fillmore County, Minnesota

**SECOND  
PREHEARING ORDER**

This matter is pending before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Todnem.

Bridget A. Duffus, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., appears on behalf of Dairyland Power Cooperative (Applicant or Dairyland), with Caleb Hefti and Rob Maly.

Larry B. Hartman, Project Manager, appears on behalf of the Energy Environmental Review Analysis (EERA) staff of the Department of Commerce (Department or DOC).

Trevor Culbertson, Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC), appears on behalf of the Commission staff.

On February 12, 2025, the Department requested an amendment to the schedule in this matter. Applicant and the Commission do not object to the amendment.

Based upon the record herein and the agreement of the parties,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

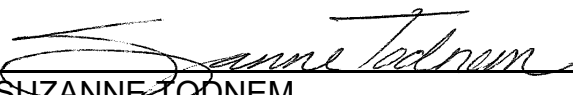
1. **Schedule.** The schedule is amended as follows:

Event	Date
Scoping decision	December 27, 2024
<del>Environmental assessment issued</del>	<del>March 27, 2025</del>
Pre-filed Direct Testimony, if needed	April 8, 2025
Notice of Public Hearings filed	April 8, 2025

Event	Date
<u>Environmental assessment issued</u>	<u>Friday, April 11, 2025</u>
In-Person and Remote-Access Public Hearings	April 22-23, 2025
Close of Public Comment Period	May 13, 2025
Applicant's Proposed Findings and Response to Public Comments	May 27, 2025
The Department's Response to Public Comments and Revisions to Applicant's Proposed Findings	June 10, 2025
Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report	July 30, 2025
Exceptions to ALJ Report	August 12, 2025
Commission Meeting on Route Permit Issuance	TBD

2. **Prior Orders.** Unless amended herein, the terms of prior orders remain in effect.

Dated: February 18, 2025

  
 SUZANNE TODNEM  
 Administrative Law Judge

February 18, 2025

See Attached Service List

**Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a  
Route Permit for the Beaver Creek 161-kV Transmission Line in  
Fillmore County, MN***  
**OAH 23-2500-40403**  
**MPUC ET3/TL-24-95**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **SECOND  
PREHEARING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7845,  
[samantha.cosgriff@state.mn.us](mailto:samantha.cosgriff@state.mn.us), or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,

  
SAMANTHA COSGRIFF  
Legal Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Docket Coordinator

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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On February 18, 2025, a true and correct copy of the **SECOND PREHEARING ORDER** was served by eService, and United States mail, (in the manner indicated on the attached service list) to the following individuals:

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