

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

SERVICE DATE: January 7, 2024

DOCKET NO. ET-3/TL-24-95

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 Dairyland Power Cooperative 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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December 19, 2024

Mr. Will Seuffert, Executive
Secretary Minnesota Public
Utilities Commission 127 7th Place
East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Scoping Summary and Recommendation
Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission Line Project
Docket No. ET3/TL-24-95

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 Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Route Permit
for the Beaver Creek 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from October 22, 2024, through December 3, 2024. Public meetings for the project were held on November 12 and November 13, 2024. Verbal and written comments were received from the general public, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the applicant.¹ None of the commentors suggested an alternative route or route segments for the proposed 3.5-mile Beaver Creek 161 kV transmission line project in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

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 Dairyland Power Cooperative 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. [202412-213123-01](#); Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets Nos. [202412-212653-01](#), [202412-212653-02](#) and [202412-212985-01](#).

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-3/TL-24-95

Dated this 7th day of January, 2025

/s/ Hannah Olson

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