

July 19, 2021

Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**  
Docket No. E101, E206/SA-21-439

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached are the *Comments* of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) in the following matter:

The Joint Request of the Anoka Public Utility and Connexus Energy for Approval to Update Electric Service Territory Records.

The petition was filed June 30, 2021 by:

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The Department recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approve the requested permanent service territory transfer from Anoka Public Utility to the Connexus Energy and is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN KUNDERT  
Financial Analyst

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Attachment



## Before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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#### I. BACKGROUND

Anoka Public Utility (“Anoka” or “the Municipal”) is an electric municipal utility organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota. Connexus Energy (“Connexus” or “the Cooperative”) is an electric distribution cooperative organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

#### II. SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

On June 30, 2021, the Municipal and Cooperative, collectively the Parties, jointly filed a petition under Minn. Stat. § 216B.44, asking the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to modify the Parties’ service territory boundaries. Approval of the Parties’ request would permanently transfer the Affected Area located within the City limits of Andover and within the electric service territory assigned to the Municipal, from Anoka to Connexus.

#### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

##### A. *TRANSFER OF THE AFFECTED AREA FROM THE MUNICIPAL TO THE COOPERATIVE*

The petition’s Exhibit A is a map of the Affected Area, which involves one area of 59 acres and two existing customers currently served by the Cooperative.

Exhibits B and C to the Petition include older Commission service area maps from 1979 that purport to show where the service territory boundary should have been placed and where it is currently placed on the MN Geo map.

At the Department’s request, the Parties provided the following legal description of the Affected Area.

1. On the West by 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW between 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW and Bunker Lake Boulevard NW.
2. On the North and East by Bunker Lake Boulevard from 7th Ave. to the point where it intersects the municipal boundary between Anoka and Andover.
3. On the South by the municipal boundary between Anoka and Andover which runs along the north side of the 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW right-of-way until that street terminates and then continues eastward to the point where that boundary intersects Bunker Lake Boulevard NW.

Per the Petition, the proposed transfer would be a permanent transfer of service territory. Further, the transfer of service territory would impact two customers. Connexus is currently serving the two customers in the Affected Area. The Cooperative will continue to serve those customers.

*B. INTERIM SERVICE*

The Parties appear to have agreed informally that, if a customer requests service before the Commission has considered the joint Petition, Connexus will provide interim service to the Affected Area.

*C. CUSTOMER NOTICE*

No customer notice is necessary as Connexus is already serving the two existing customers.

*D. COMPENSATION*

The filing made no mention of compensation, so the Department assumes no compensation occurred.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the permanent service territory transfer from Anoka City Municipal to Connexus Energy. MnGeo should update the Commission's maps to reflect the service area designations as shown on the map in the Petition.

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