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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

I oppose the proposed rules you are considering approving on the Certificates of Need, PowerPlant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission lines in their entirety.

We are now at crisis point on the damaging impacts of climate change due to long-term and continued greenhouse gas emissions. The UN Panel on Climate Change has warned us once again that Co2 accumulation in the atmosphere is causing disastrous storms, floods, fires, droughts, and continued heating of the planet. The proposed rules are inadequate due to lack of establishing any guidelines for assessing greenhouse gas emissions or their cumulative impacts on climate change.

We know that low-income and BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) communities have suffered greater impacts from climate change and energy production than others. There are no prohibitions in the current rules to placing new and undesired energy- generating infrastructure in/ near their communities.

Finally, sovereign tribal rights are not treated any differently in these rules than local governments. Tribal nations must be consulted on any project that impacts their treaty rights.

For these and other reasons, I oppose these rules which you are about to approve and I am requesting a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge to allow for complete public commenting.

Thank you for registering my comment in this important matter,

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