

March 27, 2024

VIA eFILING

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Certificate of Need for the Wabasha Relocation 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Wabasha County, Minnesota

In the Matter of the Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Route Permit to Relocate an Existing 161 kV Transmission Line in Wabasha County, Minnesota

Joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application
MPUC Docket Nos. ET3/CN-23-504 and ET3/TL-23-388

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) is proposing to relocate approximately 10.4 miles of an existing 161-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line between the Wabaco Substation and Mississippi River. The project will include construction of approximately 13.3 miles of 161-kV transmission on a new right-of-way and construction of a new 161/69-kV substation and associated facilities to be located near the City of Kellogg in Wabasha County, Minnesota (the Wabasha Relocation Project, or the Project). No construction is contemplated across the Mississippi River as a part of this Project.

The Project starts in Plainview Township, northeast of the Town of Plainview, and traverses northeast through Highland, Watopa, and Greenfield Townships, and ends at a new 161/69-kV substation east of the City of Kellogg in Wabasha County, Minnesota near the Mississippi River.

Please find enclosed Dairyland's Joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application for the Wabasha 161-kV Relocation Project in Wabasha County, Minnesota, with public Appendices A-L, and NONPUBLIC Appendix B (Application). This Application has been electronically filed today through www.edockets.state.mn.us.

A short summary of this Application is being distributed as required by Minn. R. 7829.2500, subp. 3. Notice will also be provided as required by Minn. R. 7850.2100.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, Dairyland has designated portions of Appendix B as **NONPUBLIC DATA–NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** because it contains sensitive cultural resource and natural heritage information. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office Manual for Archaeological Projects in Minnesota provides for restricted access to sensitive cultural resource information. Similarly, the natural heritage information is nonpublic under Minnesota Statutes § 84.0872. Given the need to include nonpublic information, Dairyland has prepared and is electronically filing both **NONPUBLIC** and public versions of Appendix B.

Dairyland requests that the following individuals be placed on the Commission’s official service list for this matter, and they consent to electronic service only:

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Dairyland is mailing copies of the Application as directed by staff as follows, one (1) copy and one (1) jump drive to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff, and three (3) copies to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) staff.

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Dairyland is submitting the \$16,440 certificate of need application fee under separate cover. The estimated route permit application fee will be submitted in accordance with the received invoice.

A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons as designated on the Official Service Lists of record and the general service lists, as applicable.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CKB', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Alicia P. LaValla certifies that on the 27th day of March 2024 she e-filed on behalf of Dairyland Power Cooperative a true and correct copy of the following documents:

1. Filing Letter and Certificate of Service;
2. Joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application for the Wabasha 161 kV Relocation Project in Wabasha County, Minnesota, with public Appendices A-L; and
3. NONPUBLIC Appendix B.

with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served on the Official Service Lists and the General Service Lists maintained by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on this 27th day of March 2024

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