

**RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report**

February 23, 2026

Wisconsin Power & Light Company  
Bent Tree North Wind Project  
**PUC Docket No.** IP-7145/WS-24-349  
**CAH Docket No.** 25-2500-41066

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations (ALJ report) issued by Administrative Law Judge Megan J. McKenzie on February 6, 2026, for the Bent Tree North Wind Project (project).<sup>1</sup>

EIP staff appreciates the comprehensive analysis of the record by ALJ McKenzie and has no exceptions to offer at this time.

EIP staff appreciates the opportunity to provide our review and analysis of the ALJ report.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> On July 1, 2025, Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC EERA) unit staff moved to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (PUC EIP) unit as directed by state law (Laws of Minn. 2024, ch.126, art. 7). While DOC EERA staff initiated environmental review of this proposal prior to July 1, 2025, the environmental review is now being completed by PUC EIP staff. For accuracy related to procedural history, references to previous filings by EERA will be identified as such, and “EIP” will be referenced throughout the remainder of this document.