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Three Waters Wind Farm, PUC docket #19-576

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Three Waters' wind project. Local 49 represents over 14,000 members across the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Regarding the development and construction of the Three Waters' wind farm, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 would wholeheartedly support this project if it the developer had committed to using a Union workforce from the onset of planning and permitting. However, as of now, they have not made any such commitment. As such, Local 49 strongly encourages Scout Clean Energy to utilize Union labor in the construction of the project as our workforce has the training, experience, and safety record to ensure the project is constructed correctly while also benefiting the local economy as much as possible.

Local 49 would also like to encourage the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that if the project is constructed without the use of Union Labor that the contractor follows local prevailing wage guidelines to ensure that all workers, whether local or not are compensated fairly for the work that they do while in Minnesota.

Local 49 would like to thank the PUC for their ongoing work to ensure that energy infrastructure in the state is built to highest standards that benefit workers, landowners, and rate payers who are most affected by the development and construction of large projects such as the Three Water's site. We encourage the commission to advocate for well being of workers to the best of their ability and look forward to the possibility of working with Scout Clean Energy in the future

Respectfully,

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