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Hello staff of the Public Utilities Commission,

I request a public hearing in the rulemaking on Certificates of Need, Power Plant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety.

We are facing a global climate emergency. Why would you update PUC rules related to energy infrastructure without including climate change considerations into decision-making processes? I believe the PUC role in protecting the public interest has been forgotten. Your role includes protecting Indigenous rights and creating environmental justice. These concerns should be primary in the PUC's decision making processes. And the PUC must require accountability of energy companies for ensuring a less toxic planet and paying for externalities - ALL the health and potential risk costs of doing business. The survival of so much life is at stake.

I understand you would allow project proposers to set the timeline for their own permit approvals behind closed doors with the agency. This sounds like facism to me.

I look forward to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The Commission should scrap these rules and make plans to do their job of protecting Minnesotans and our climate.

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