

March 18, 2025

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Docket No. E229, E119/SA-25-134

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached are the comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) in the following matter:

Joint Request of the Detroit Lakes Public Utilities and Lake Region Electric
Cooperative to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

The petition was filed by Spencer Fane LLP, on behalf of Detroit Lakes Public Utilities (Detroit Lakes) and Lake Region Electric Cooperative (Lake Region), on February 28, 2025.

The filing constitutes a joint request on behalf of Detroit Lakes and Lake Region (collectively, the Parties) to update the official service territory map to reflect an agreed-upon permanent boundary change. The proposed update will impact one 10.6-acre area located within the city limit of the City of Detroit Lakes and within Lake Region's service territory. The change, if approved, will transfer electric service territory from Lake Region to Detroit Lakes, and will allow Detroit Lakes to continue to serve one commercial customer.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the joint request for the agreed-upon permanent boundary change from Lake Region to Detroit Lakes Public Utilities and requests MNGEO update the service territory map, to reflect the changes on the map as provided. The Department is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dr. SYDNIE LIEB
Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Analysis

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Attachment



Before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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CHECKLIST FOR PROCESSING AGREED UPON SERVICE AREA TRANSFERS AND EXCEPTIONS

- ☒ A cover letter with the submitter's full contact information, including where to provide electronic service. Page 3 of the joint request.
- ☒ A joint letter explaining the change.
 - ☒ Contact information for both utilities: Name, title, phone number, work address, email. Page 3 of the joint request.
 - ☒ Contact information, including email address, of the individuals who will update the electronic service territory map. Page 3 of the joint request.
 - ☒ Legal description of the property. Exhibit A.
 - ☒ Short explanation of why the agreement is consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.39. Page 1 and 2 of the joint request.
- Filing is related to:
 - ☒ Several permanent boundary changes, or Page 1 and 2 of the joint request.
 - ☐ Service by exception. The parties agree the limited right to serve by exception does not convey permanent rights to serve the exception area.
- ☒ Settlement Agreement, if applicable.
 - ☒ If yes, signed by authorized representatives of both utilities. Exhibit B-1
- ☒ A digital (PDF) map with the proposed transfer or exception clearly outlined. Exhibit A.
- ☐ Transfer or exception takes place on one of the Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota. N/A.
 - ☐ If yes, utility documented consultation with the affected Tribal Nation at page ____.
- ☒ Affected customers received written notice, including utility and Commission contact information. Exhibit C.