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To the MN Public Utilities Commission:

This letter is our public comment regarding the XCEL project and their certificate of need.

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Comment on the Need of the Certificate of Need Application

Minnesota Energy Connection Project

Docket Nos. CN-22-131/TL-22-132

Property affected: 6161 Calumet Rd South Haven, MN 55382

To the MN Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing this Letter as a public comment to docket No. TL-22-132 and CN-22-131 and their certificate of need.

Should the Commission grant a certificate of need for the proposed project?

No. As a concerned landowner regarding the proposed lines and routes that XCEL wants to take for this project, we strongly feel this project is not necessary and is a vast overreach of a company and their means. Two of these proposed lines will directly affect our small farm and so many others around us. We are a rural area and this project is not a benefit to us in any way. This proposed energy is not even for us. However, our land is affected. Affecting families is devastating however, it is clear that wind and solar will not replace the loss of Sherco. We feel that XCEL knows this and that is why they also are applying for two natural gas plants. This doesn't make any sense. This information wasn't disclosed in public meetings. XCEL is not disclosing full information and therefore lying. There are better ways to make more energy. Wind and solar are proving to be extremely unreliable and the consequences of that could be astronomical. Especially, in extremely cold climates like Minnesota.

Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

We are greatly concerned about the health risks that are associated with these lines running through our property. There is actual, confirmed studies with horrific health declines. Especially on children and livestock. It is a travesty that a company in MN (XCEL) and parts of our MN government are not taking this seriously and do not care about the health of its people. Our land and home that we have poured our blood, sweat and tears into will become nothing if this project goes through. There is overwhelming disapproval among this community regarding this project. The only voices who are in favor of this are XCEL and a select small group that has an invested interest on the project We ask that the MN Public Utilities Commission realize this and do what is necessary to protect its people and say no to this XCEL Energy project. We say this with respect and love for our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

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