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To: Kate Kahlert, Supervising Attorney, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

Re: COMMENTS ON Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Certificates of Need and Site and Route Permits for Large Electric Power Plants and High-Voltage Transmission Lines, Minnesota Rules Chapters 7849 and 7850 and Governing Notice Plan Filing Requirements, Minnesota Rules, part 7829.2550; Request to Schedule a Rules Hearing; and Request to Review Additional Notice Plan; Including Repeal of Minn. R. 7829.2550; 7849.0230; 7849.0240; 7849.1100; 7849.1300; 7850.1600; 7850.2000; 7850.2600; 7850.2900; 7850.3000; 7850.3100; 7850.3200; 7850.3300; 7850.3400; 7850.3500; 7850.3600; 7850.4000; 7850.4200  
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Greetings, staff of the Public Utilities Commission,

This email is to request a hearing on the rulemaking you are conducting on Certificates of Need, Powerplant Siting, and Route Permits for High-Voltage Transmission Lines. (Docket Number E, ET, IP-999/R-12-1246)

**I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety.**

My work is in the fields of psychology, environmental studies, and environmental justice. It is absolutely clear that climate change is affecting every aspect of our society, our relationships to each other and to nature, and - particularly relevant for your work at the PUC - the ways we think about and interact with electricity and other forms of utility-produced energy. I cannot believe you are proposing to change the criteria for the certificate of need without incorporating climate change. How can this be?

Once again, I oppose the proposed amendments in their entirety, and I respectfully request a hearing on the rulemaking you are conducting.

Thank you.

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