

RE: Petition for Rulemaking – Minn. R. ch. 7849 and 7850  
Gopher-Badger/Maribell 765kV Transmission Line - CN-25-121

We own land, farm animals, and a home that will be directly impacted by the proposed 765kV/161kV line in the Houston County driftless area. The PUC absolutely needs to promulgate rules providing guidelines for new power generation and transmission that gives some semblance of care for the environment, right of way home and property owners, adjacent property owners, and rate payers.

If the 4/29/2026 comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce are any indication, it seems the following obvious contested facts in the CN-121 are to be ignored:

1. The [Independent Market Monitor's Benefit Analysis of MISO's Tranche 2.1](#)
2. The magnitude of the corona discharge and relationship to human health
3. The fact that there has been no honest comparison of the proposed 765 kV line to 525 kV DC below ground.

Because of this, rescinded rule "[7850.4100 FACTORS CONSIDERED](#)" needs to be reinstated. In addition, least cost must be weighed against the factors listed—it can't be the only factor.

Applicants for power generation and transmission projects can't be allowed to control the whole process through their lobbying efforts. There needs to be robust verification along the way (the reason, I believe, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requires MISO to have an Independent Market Monitor).

Sincerely,  
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