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Public comment on PUC proposed rule changes

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Dear Ms. Kahlert,

My name is Margaret (Maggie) Shanahan, and I am a resident of 3250 Ulysses St. NE Minneapolis, 55418. I am requesting that the PUC hold a public hearing on the 'Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Power Plants or Lines; Revising the Certificate of Need and Site and Route Permits Requirements.' I oppose the proposed rule in its entirety.

Though many elements of the proposed rule are disturbing, I find one piece particularly concerning to me - I see that there are no language requirements for public notice. This practically ensures that non-English speakers will be further excluded from regulatory processes. As a member of a multi-nationality, multi-language household, I find this oversight especially upsetting. As climate crises heighten, it is more important than ever that PUC encourages inclusive, participatory decision-making processes for public good.

Respectfully, Maggie

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