

November 19, 2021

Katrina Hapka Environmental Review Program Coordinator Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Road St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Ms. Hapka:

On November 12, 2021, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) received two letters from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) designating the MPUC as the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for two carbon dioxide pipelines, called the Midwest Carbon Express and the Heartland Greenway, and directing MPUC to complete an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for each pipeline.

MPUC has reviewed the documents that you transmitted. The information provided by EQB does not include any permit applications that have been made to any governmental units. MPUC has contacted representatives for each project and confirmed that there are no pending permit applications in Minnesota. As a result, it does not appear that there is a "project" as defined in Minnesota Rules 4410.0200. This letter serves as notice to EQB staff and the petitioner that the MPUC cannot act on either petition because no permit application has been filed.

Sincerely,

William Juffe

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Peg Furshong & Anne Borgendale, Petitioner's Representatives Katie Pratt, Environmental Quality Board Director Denise Wilson, Director of Environmental Review Program