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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

RE: In the Matter of the Joint Request of the City of North Branch, North Branch Water and Light Commission and East Central Energy to Update Electric Service Territory Records
MPUC Docket: _____
Our File No. 17266.004

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

I represent East Central Energy, a rural electric cooperative utility (the "Cooperative"), which is authorized, on behalf of the Cooperative, the City of North Branch, a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and North Branch Water and Light Commission, a municipal utility (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "City") (collectively, the "Parties") to make this joint filing.

Summary of the Joint Request

This filing constitutes the Parties' joint request that the MPUC update the official service territory map to reflect an agreed-upon change in the Parties' electric service territory boundaries. This joint request concerns the permanent transfer of an area located within the city limits of the City of North Branch and within the electric service territory assigned to the Cooperative (identified as the "Affected Area"), as further described below.

Legal Authorities

By statute, "the commission may on its own or at the request of an electric utility make changes in the boundaries of the assigned service areas, but only after notice and hearing . . ." Minn. Stat. § 216B.39, subd. 3. In addition, "no electric utility shall render or extend electric service at retail within the assigned service area of another electric utility unless the electric utility consents thereto in writing . . ." Minn. Stat. § 216B.40 (2014). In the present case, the Parties seek to adjust the service territory boundaries to transfer the Affected Area to the Cooperative's assigned service territory. The Parties

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request that the Commission update its official records as to electric service territory boundaries.

Underlying Information

Attached as Exhibit A are maps that depict the boundaries of the Affected Area. The Affected Area involves 2,082 customers, 1,812 of whom are residential customers in Minnesota. The Parties do not have a separate legal description prepared of the Affected Area, but are willing to provide whatever information is helpful and reasonably requested by MnGeo to facilitate the adjustment in the official maps.

Customer Notice

North Branch and ECE will also notify customers of the change in service providers through a Commission-approved customer notice after the transition is approved.

Contact Information

If there are any questions concerning this filing, you may contact the following representatives:

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Request

The Parties therefore petition the Commission to accept and file these documents and provide due acknowledgment thereof. The Parties further request that the Commission provide evidence of its acknowledgment of these changes of service territory boundaries, and the updating of the official service territory records.

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Proposed Service List

A copy of this letter and the accompanying documents has been mailed or emailed to the persons on the enclosed proposed service list.

Please contact the representatives above if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sara G. McGrane

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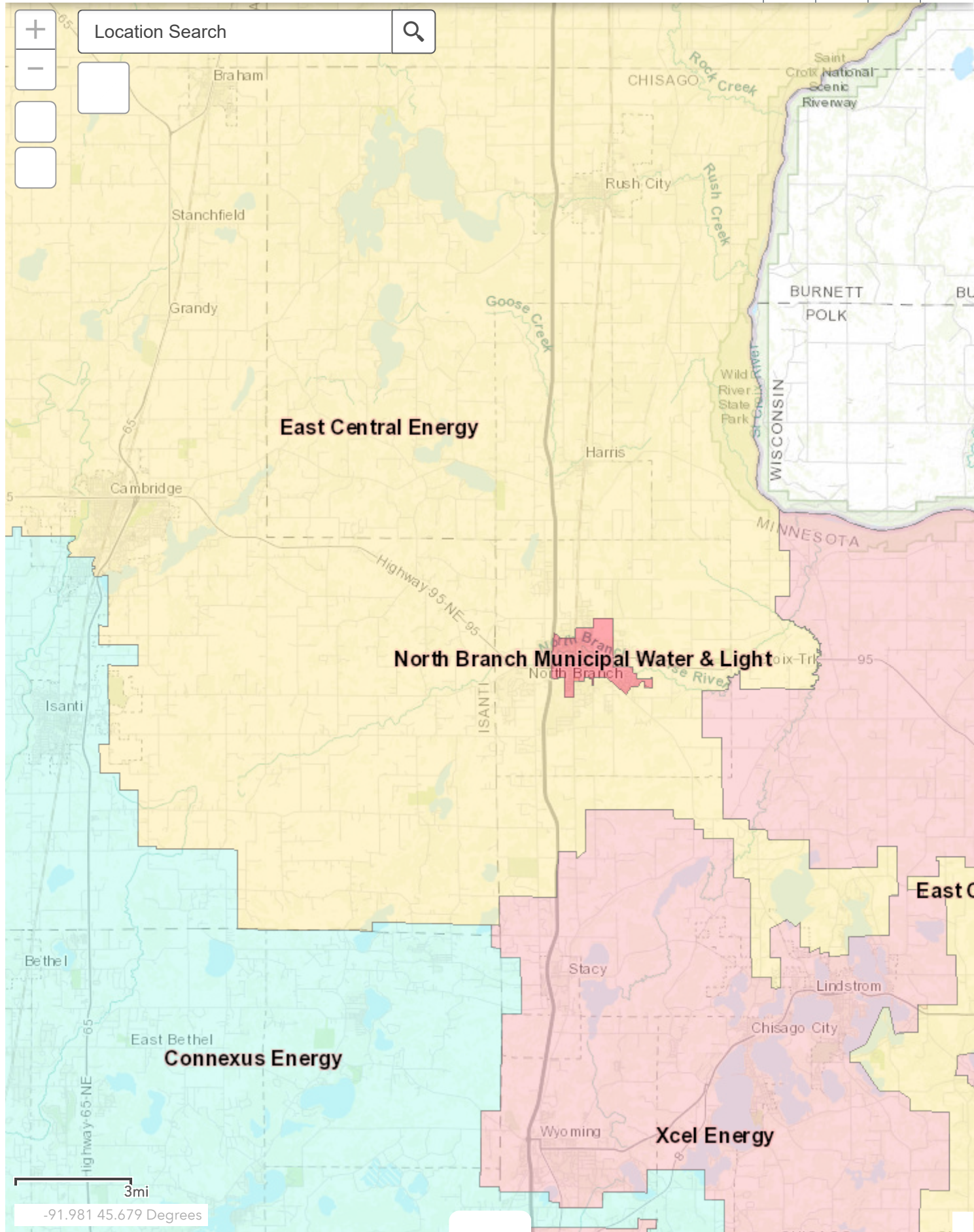
Enclosures

cc: Proposed Service List

EXHIBIT A

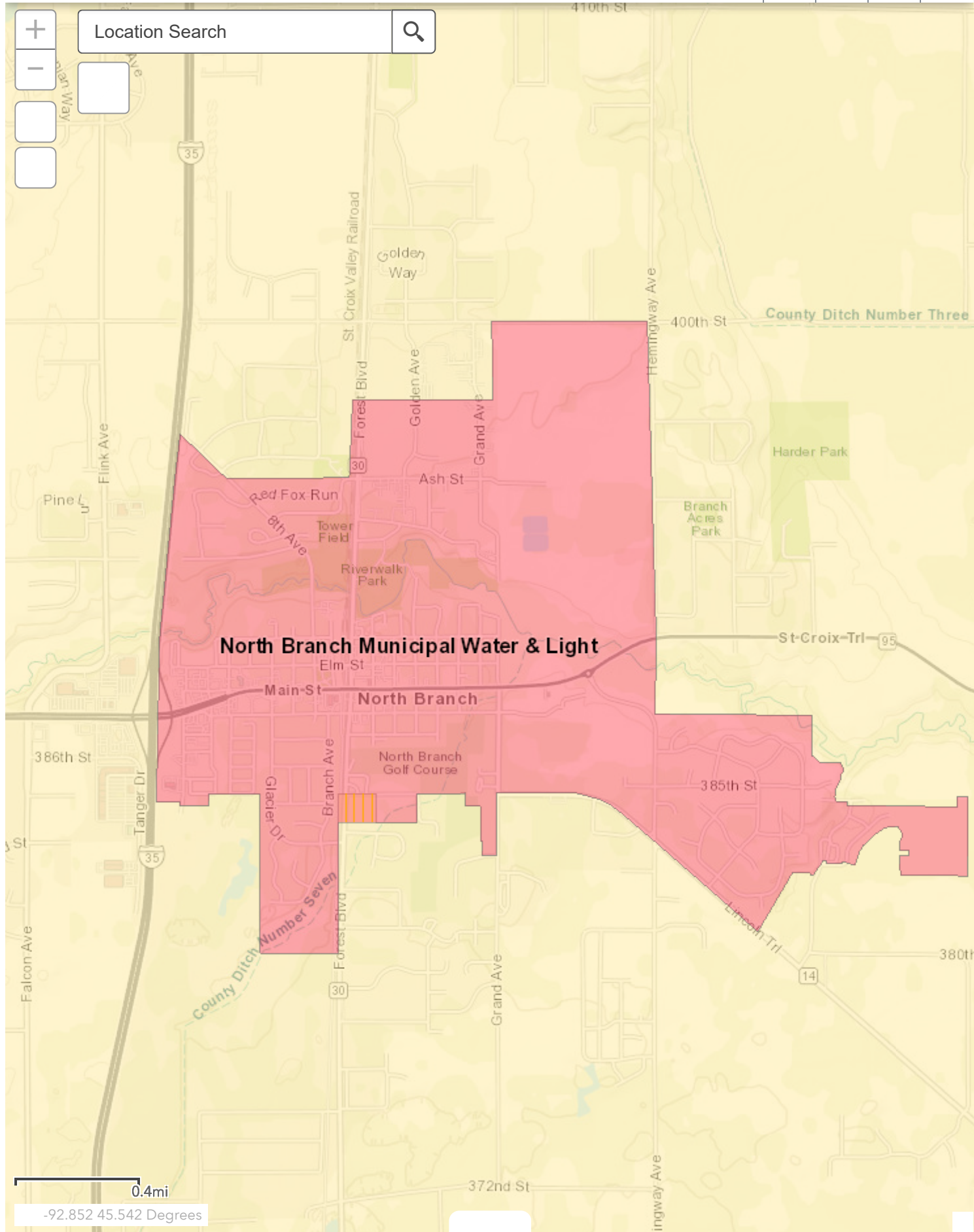
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