

Ex Parte Communication Report

Date:

To: Public Ex Parte Communication File

Docket No:

Case Name:

From: PUC Staff:

RE: Permissible Ex Parte Communications Pursuant to Minn. Rules, Part 7845.7400.

1. Type of communication: (Oral or Written)

If written, attach the document.

If oral, Date:

Time:

NOTE: In both instances, please notify the Maker the communication has been submitted for inclusion in the record.

2. Maker of the Communication:

3. Recipient of the Communication:

4. For communications involving the setting of interim rates or the review of compliance filings, the topic was:

5. For all other permissible communications that are prohibited for the Commissioners under Minn. Rules, part 7845.7200, the substance of the communication was:

6. For oral permissible ex parte communications, has a copy of this memo been sent to the assigned Administrative Law Judge? Yes No N/A

(Name and Date)

Noyce, Christian (PUC)

To: Nathan Keech
Subject: RE: PUC Hearing

Good Morning Nathan,

I hope you are doing well. I am the analyst working on this docket. The item is tentatively scheduled for December 15, however that is still a tentative date. Staff works to get items in front of the Commission as soon as practicable.

Commission staff must abide by the Commission's ex parte rules under Minn. Rules [7845.7000-.7900](#). Your communication below falls under the definition of a permissible ex parte communication, therefore I will file the attached report to the docket. No further action is needed on your part, please be aware that if future communications discuss the merits of the proceeding I will also need to file those into the record. For more information please see the Commission's webpage: <https://mn.gov/puc/about-us/ex-parte-communications/>

Christian

From: Nathan Keech <nbwlnathank@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:01 PM
To: Noyce, Christian (PUC) <christian.noyce@state.mn.us>
Subject: PUC Hearing

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Hello Christian,

I serve as the chair for the North Branch Water & Light Commission. I've been told you are the one in charge of handling the request we have brought before the PUC and timeliness of the matter. If you are not the one in charge of this, can you please forward my email to the person or people in charge of handling our matter?

As you are probably aware, the PUC must sign off as the governing authority for our sale. To date, all parties involved, including Great River Energy, East Central Energy, and the North Branch Water and Light have an amiable purchase agreement on the table, and are eager to move forward. Pending approval from the PUC, we are slated to close this sale toward the end of the 2022 calendar year. Any delays in the PUC hearing will only delay our process and move the sale into 2023.

While we are aware of some fairly minor opposition from a concerned North Branch citizen and a procedural concern from MMUA, the overwhelming majority of citizens, including city council, are eagerly awaiting this decision to move forward in expeditious manner. Also, the NBW&L Commission, City Council, and City Administration are confident that any issues have been adequately addressed in our rebuttal response to the PUC and give way for the approval of this sale.

Unless there are any other issues that we are unaware of, I would like to ask the PUC to take immediate and expeditious action in approving our measure so we can close the sale before the end of the year.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention and help. Please respond at your earliest opportunity and let me know when we can expect to move this action forward.

Sincerely,

Nathan Keech

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