



November 10, 2020

Paul Blackburn  
Honor the Earth

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

I write to clarify some issues related to the letter that Honor the Earth filed on November 5, 2020, objecting to the Notice of Comment Period (the Notice) filed on November 5, 2020 in Docket 20-801.

The purpose of the Notice issued on November 5, 2020, is to ensure that the Commission is fully informed, and that the public has an opportunity to provide input, before important decisions are made about jurisdiction, whether to begin an investigation, and what procedures to apply to any investigation. These decisions will ultimately be made by the full Commission during a publicly noticed open meeting. Your letter states that the Notice is not clear about whether the Reply Comment period ending on December 15, 2020 is open to the public. To ensure that the public understands that the Commission is soliciting public comments, we will file an Amended notice clarifying that the comment period is open to the public. If the Commission determines that there will be an investigation, there will be additional opportunities for public participation.

Further, in the course of reviewing your letter, the Commission discovered that the Notice was inadvertently filed only in Docket 20-801. To ensure that the broadest possible audience is aware of the open comment period, the updated Notice will be filed in both Line 3 dockets, and in recent dockets related to Line 67 and Line 4, and the public comment period will be extended to December 21, 2020.

If you have any further procedural recommendations, please include them in your reply comments due by December 21, 2020 so that they can be taken up by the full Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Seuffert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission