

Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County

1. Partial Exemption and Route Permit

a. Grant a partial exemption from the pipeline route selection procedures;

b. adopt the proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation as amended by staff in the recommended technical changes attached to the June 10, 2021 briefing papers and as supplemented by the applicant with respect to recreational lands as set forth in the June 8, 2021 late-filed comments; and

c. issue a pipeline route permit as revised and proposed:

i. by EERA on May 18, 2021; and

ii. by the staff in the recommended technical changes attached to the June 10, 2021 briefing papers

2. Administrative Consistency

a. Authorize Commission staff to make further refinements to the findings of fact and route permit conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision on this matter fully incorporating in all the conditions identified in the findings of fact specifically including, but not limited to, a natural environment conditions recommended by the DNR as relates to vegetation removal during nesting season of specific species.