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VIA EDOCKETS

The Honorable Suzanne Todnem
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: *In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project in Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood and Lyon Counties*
OAH Docket No. 23-2500-3978; MPUC Docket Nos. E-002/TL-22-132; E-002/CN-22-131

Dear Judge Todnem:

Below for your consideration is the Minnesota Department of Commerce's proposed schedule in the above-referenced matter.

Milestone	Date	Increment
Department Comments and Recommendations on Scoping Process	Friday, April 19, 2024	---
Commission Meeting: Scope of Alternatives	Thursday, May 9, 2024	20
Department Issues Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scope	Wednesday, May 29, 2024	20
Deadline to Intervene	Friday, July 5, 2024	37
Applicant Files Direct Testimony	Friday, August 2, 2024	28
Department Issues Draft EIS	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	74
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony	Tuesday, October 22, 2024	7
All Parties File Surrebuttal Testimony	Tuesday, October 29, 2024	7

All Parties Exchange Exhibit Lists	Friday, November 1, 2024	3
In-Person Joint Draft EIS Information Meetings and Public Hearings	Wednesday-Friday, November 6-8, 2024	5
Online Joint Draft EIS Information Meeting and Public Hearing	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	5
Evidentiary Hearing	Monday, November 18, 2024	5
Close of Draft EIS Information Meeting and Public Hearing Comment Period	Monday, December 2, 2024	14
Post Hearing Briefing Filed by All Parties and Proposed Findings and Responses to Hearing Comments Filed by Applicant	Monday, December 30, 2024	28
Post Hearing Reply Briefing and Revised Findings Filed by All Parties	Wednesday, January 15, 2025	16
Final EIS Issued	Monday, February 10, 2025	26
Administrative Law Judge Files Report	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	29
Exceptions to ALJ Report	Wednesday, March 26, 2025	15

By copy of this letter, all parties have been served. A declaration of service also is enclosed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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