



February 10, 2025

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, AND MAINTAIN THE MINNESOTA
PORTION OF THE NORTH ROCHESTER – COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION LINE
DOCKET NO. ET3/CN-25-121

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Dairyland Power Cooperative (“Dairyland”) submits this notice to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 216B.246, subd. 3(a), that Dairyland intends to construct, own, and maintain the Minnesota portion of the North Rochester – Columbia 765 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) from a midpoint structure on the new 765 kV line from North Rochester to Marion Road (as will be agreed between Dairyland and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy) to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

On December 12, 2024, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”), a federally registered planning authority, approved its Long-Range Transmission Planning (“LRTP”) Tranche 2.1 Portfolio, which includes the Project and associated underlying facilities (as LRTP Project No. 26). MISO designated the majority of the Project in Minnesota—from the Minnesota–Wisconsin border to Marion Road—as an upgrade that will utilize existing right-of-way owned by Dairyland. Accordingly, although that portion of the Project can only be owned and operated by Dairyland and is arguably exempt from the notice requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 216B.246, Dairyland is including it in this notice out of an abundance of caution.

Dairyland is an incumbent electric transmission owner in the state of Minnesota, and the Project connects to and will be built on facilities owned by Dairyland. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 216B.246, subd. 3(a), Dairyland provides the Commission notice that it intends to construct, own, and maintain the transmission line and associated facilities that comprise this Project as described above and plans to file a petition for a Certificate of Need (or request for certification under the Biennial Transmission Report process) within 12 months of the date of this letter.

Dairyland has electronically filed the document with the Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service lists. Please contact Ben Porath at Ben.Porath@DairylandPower.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Porath

Ben Porath
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Dairyland Power Cooperative

cc: Service Lists

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Elyssa Cook certifies that on the 10th day of February, 2025, on behalf of Dairyland Power Cooperative, she efiled a true and correct copy of the **Notice of Intent to Construct, Own, and Maintain the Minnesota Portion of the North Rochester – Columbia Transmission Project** via eDockets. Said Notice of Intent is also served via U.S. Mail or email as designated on the attached Service Lists on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

/s/ Elyssa Cook
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