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Via electronic filing

The Honorable David Rosner, Lindsay See, and Judy Chang
Commissioners
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Rosner, Commissioner See, and Commissioner Chang:

The state of Minnesota strongly supports the Tranche 2.1 portfolio that includes transmission investments that will enable economic development, enhance energy reliability, bolster grid resiliency, and lower energy costs for my constituents. Like others, I am advocating for MISO to take a long-term view in resource planning and to engage states and a broad range of stakeholders on the development of a robust and long-range transmission system that ensures cost-effective, reliable power for our residents and businesses today and into the future. This work is more important than ever as the region works to grow our economies and prepare for load growth from data centers, advanced manufacturing, and more.

The Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) Long Range Transmission Plan Tranche 2.1 portfolio provides critical investments in the infrastructure necessary to ensure the long-term reliability and resilience of our regional electric grid. Beyond reliability, these projects are essential to ensuring the Midwest remains competitive in a rapidly evolving economic landscape and positioned to attract data centers, advanced manufacturing industries, and AI-driven applications.

Tranche 2.1 includes 24 transmission projects across the MISO Midwest subregion, totaling approximately \$21.8 billion in capital investment. These projects are designed to address existing and emerging reliability challenges, including thermal and voltage violations, and enhance the grid's ability to accommodate large-scale, high-load operations. Importantly, Tranche 2.1 positions our states to attract investment, create jobs, and maintain leadership in emerging technologies and industrial innovation.

In addition to facilitating economic growth, Tranche 2.1 will enhance energy security by reducing congestion and delivering cost-effective solutions to meet heightened demand. These improvements will save customers billions by avoiding costly inefficiencies and diversifying the market of generation resources across the region.

I urge the Commission to recognize the value of Tranche 2.1 in strengthening the Midwest's energy infrastructure in support of reliability and economic development. These projects are essential to maintaining a reliable and affordable power system for our constituents and businesses. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. J. Walz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Walz
Governor