

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF NEED
APPLICATION CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

Issued: September 2, 2025

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Maple River to Cuyuna 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

PUC Docket Number: E015,ET2,E017/CN-25-109

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is accepting comments on Minnesota Power, Great River Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company (collectively, the Applicants) request for exemptions from certain information requirements for a certificate of need application for the Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kV Transmission Project (Project).

The Project would involve construction of a new 345 kV single-circuit transmission line, on double-circuit capable structures, connecting Minnesota Power's Cuyuna Substation in Crow Wing County to Otter Tail Power Company's Maple River Substation near Fargo, North Dakota.

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **September 16, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**
Reply comment period closes **October 6, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**
Supplemental comment period closes **October 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Topics for Comment

- Should the Commission grant the exemptions to the certificate of need application content requirements as requested by the Applicants' in their August 27, 2025 filing (Document ID: [20258-222473-01](#))?

Submit Comments

Online: mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us
U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions. Please include the docket number (25-109) in all communications.

Review Process. Information on the review processes for certificates of need and site and route permits for large electric power facilities is available on the Commission's website at: <https://puc.eip.mn.gov/>

Filing Requirements. Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eDockets) at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us>. All parties, participants, and interested persons are also encouraged to use eDockets.

Full Case Record. To see all documents filed in this matter, visit eDockets at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/documents>, enter the docket number (25-109), and select Search.

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Questions about these dockets or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Saarah Maxon at saarah.maxon@state.mn.us or 651-201-2200.

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