

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 16, 2026

In the Matter of a Possible Rulemaking to Amend Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7849 and 7850

PUC Docket Number(s): E-999/R-26-172

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes April 30, 2026 at 4:30pm
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Issue: What action should the Commission take on Carol Overland's petition for rulemaking to amend Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7849 and 7850

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission grant or deny the petition for rulemaking?

Background

On April 14, 2026, the Commission received a petition for rulemaking, under Minn. R. 1400.2040, from Carol Overland requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding under the Administrative Procedure Act, Minn. Ch. 14, to amend Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7849 and 7850 in light of adoption of the Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act, enacted by the Legislature in 2024. As part of the legislative changes, environmental review staff at the Department of Commerce were transferred to the Commission, along with environmental review responsibilities.

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