

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy
and Echo Zone LLC for a Route Permit for the
North Rochester to Skyway High Voltage
Transmission Line Project in Goodhue County,
Minnesota

SERVICE DATE: August 14, 2026

DOCKET NO. E-002/TL-26-135

The above-entitled matter was considered by the Commission on August 6, 2026, and the following disposition made:

- 1. Determined that an addendum to the applicant Environmental Assessment is not required for the North Rochester to Skyway High Voltage Transmission Line Project.**
- 2. Determined that an extension to the six-month statutory deadline is not necessary.**
- 3. Issued the attached Draft Route Permit prepared by Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting staff, including the proposed special permit conditions.**
- 4. Requested that an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) from the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH) conduct public hearings for the project and prepare a summary of public testimony as expeditiously as possible.**

This Order shall become effective immediately.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sasha Bergman".

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary

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