

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate
of Need for the PowerOn Midwest 765 kV and
345 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project

SERVICE DATE: July 15, 2026

DOCKET NO. E-002, ET-2, ET-6675/
CN-25-117

The above-entitled matter was considered by the Commission on July 9, 2026, and the following disposition made:

1. **Granted the Applicants' request for clarification and affirm the Scope with the following clarification language:**

The Environmental Report may address partial-build or delayed-build alternatives for the Pleasant Valley-to-North Rochester 765-kV segment at a screening level. Inclusion of an alternative in the scoping decision does not mean that detailed analysis is required for every alternative suggested. The Environmental Report must screen out alternatives that would require evaluation of different endpoints inconsistent with Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 3(6), are otherwise outside the Commission's authority to require, are infeasible, are unsupported by sufficient information, or would not meet the stated need for the project. If Commission staff determines that an alternative should not be carried forward for detailed analysis, the Environmental Report shall briefly explain the basis for that determination.

2. **Denied NRG/NO765MN's request for removal of limiting language from the Scope.**
3. **Denied NRG/NO765MN's request to amend the Scope to identify specific projects as phased or connected actions. The Environmental Report will address cumulative impacts and phased or connected actions to the extent relevant to the Commission's certificate of need decision and consistent with the existing Scope.**

This Order shall become effective immediately.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sasha Bergman", is positioned below the text "BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary

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I, Robin Benson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ORDER

Docket Numbers: **E-002, ET-2, ET-6675/CN-25-117**

Dated this **15th** day of **July, 2026**

/s/ Robin Benson

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