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September 29, 2026

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 25-117

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

The Adrian City Council, acting on behalf of the residents of Adrian, Minnesota, hereby submits this letter of formal opposition to the proposed routing and construction of the 765kV transmission lines and associated infrastructure through or near the Adrian community.

On September 28, 2026, the Adrian City Council adopted a resolution formally opposing the proposed project. A copy of the resolution is attached for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's consideration and inclusion in the record.

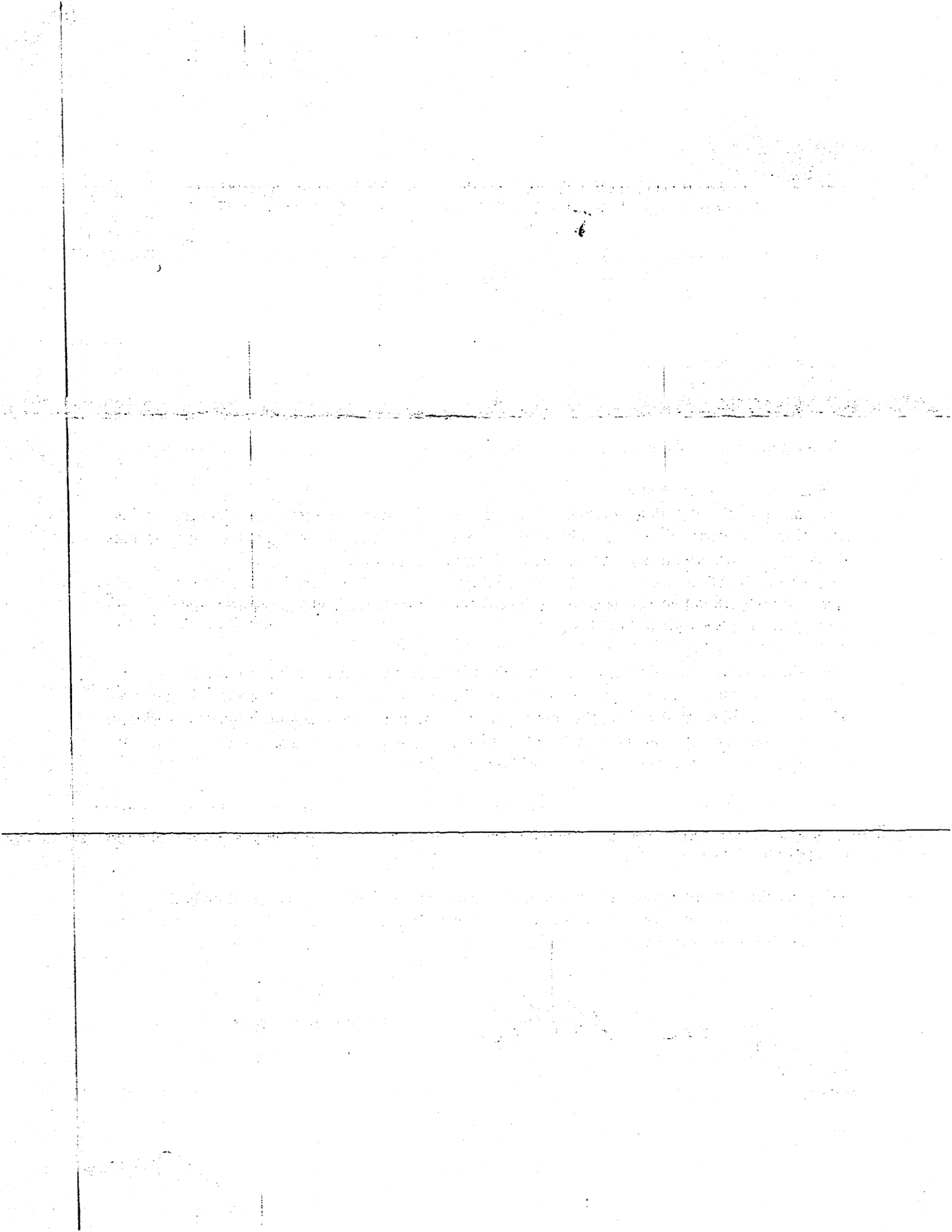
The City Council has significant concerns regarding the potential impacts of the proposed 765kV transmission lines and supporting infrastructure on the Adrian community. The proposed project has the potential to substantially affect the community in numerous ways, including impacts to residents, property owners, agricultural operations, public infrastructure, economic development, community character, and the long-term growth and well-being of Adrian.

The City respectfully requests that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission give full consideration to the City Council's concerns and the concerns of Adrian residents when evaluating the proposed project and its potential routes.

The City of Adrian appreciates the Commission's consideration of this formal opposition and respectfully requests that the City's position, as expressed in the attached resolution, be made part of the official record for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Steven Kellen
Mayor





CITY OF ADRIAN
DRAFT RESOLUTION #726-2026

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED POWERON MIDWEST
765kV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES THROUGH ADRIAN

WHEREAS, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, Great River Energy, and ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest) (collectively, "Applicants") have filed a Joint Application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC") for a Certificate of Need) MPUC Docket No. E002, Et2, ET6675/CN-25-117), which includes 275 miles of PowerOn Midwest 765kV, new single-circuit transmission infrastructure, proposed between the South Dakota/Minnesota border and the Lakefield Junction Substation (within Jackson County); and

WHEREAS, PowerOn Midwest's Application acknowledges potential impacts including electric and magnetic fields (EMF), noise, corona discharge, agricultural disruption, and environmental impacts with long-term localized effects on Nobles County's agricultural economy, property values, historic and culturally significant resources, and tourism-dependent landscape remaining disputed and unresolved; and

WHEREAS, residents, and landowners of Adrian have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV electric transmission infrastructure, including but not limited to impacts on private property rights, the natural and residential landscape of Adrian, including ecological areas and established neighborhoods including churches, schools, daycares, parks, and places of business; and

WHEREAS, Adrian residents are in danger of losing some of their cultural and historically significant resources due to the expansion or construction of this new infrastructure, being introduced as the highest nominal alternating voltage level operating in the United States (765 kV); and

WHEREAS, landowners throughout Southwest Minnesota have also raised concerns about the use of eminent domain, compensation fairness, and the long-term burden of easements that may permanently restrict land use and reduce property value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ADRIAN, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA THAT: the Adrian City Council formally supports and share in the concerns raised by citizens and landowners regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV transmission line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adrian City Council urges PowerOn Midwest to prioritize alternative routes that avoid residential areas, public parks, and sensitive environmental preserves to minimize negative impacts.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2026

Steve Kellen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Lenz, City Clerk-Treasurer