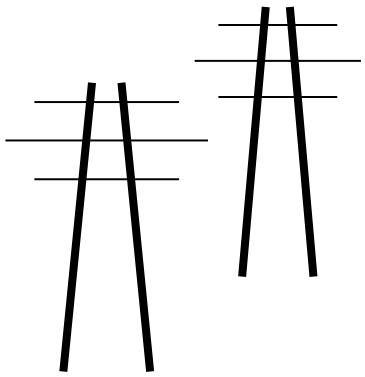
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RE: Notice of Motion and Motion
CAH File No. 28-2500-41617; PUC Docket: CN-25-117 – PowerOn Midwest

Dear Judge Meyer:

Attached please find Notice of Motion and Motion regarding transcripts for Local Libraries, and need for Environmental Report to "accompany" the project, as we discussed earlier today. The timing is awkward given we're in the middle of public hearings…

Applicants are amenable to the usual provision of public and evidentiary transcripts to local libraries.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,

Carol A. Overland
Attorney at Law

Enclosures: Notice of Motion and Motion and Certificate of Service.

cc: Kyle Johnson – NO765MN; Suzanne Tomek – North Route Group

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I, Carol A. Overland, hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the attached cover letter, Notice of Motion and Motion, and this Certificate of Service to all persons at the email addresses on the Public Utilities Commission eDockets service list by eFiling and eService.



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North Route Group and NO765MN hereby submit this Motion to secure provision of public hearing and evidentiary hearing transcripts at local libraries along the route for public access, and for provision of a copy of Environmental Report at hearings and a simple notice to public hearing attendees that the hearing is for comments and questions on the Certificate of Need and the Environmental Report.

NOTICE: ANY OPPOSITION TO THIS MOTION MUST BE FILED AND SERVED ON THE DOCKET SERVICE LIST WITHIN 14 DAYS OF SERVICE OF THIS MOTION FILING. Minn. R. 7829.0410.

In the interest of furthering public participation and transparency of process, North Route Group (NRG) and NO765MN bring this housekeeping Motion. The number of people appearing at this first hearing, likely 200, standing room only, combined with the high number of comments filed in eDockets, is indicative of the intense public interest in this project.

TRANSCRIPTS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES: Typically, arrangements are made early in a proceeding for the court reporter to provide transcripts of public hearings and evidentiary hearings to local libraries along the route, for example, in communities where public hearings are held. This was discussed today with counsel for two Applicant parties, who said "we can likely make that happen." This accommodation is very helpful to interested members of the public and should be on the record, ideally in an Order, to establish which libraries will have copies.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: "Environmental report to accompany project." Minn. R. 7849.1800. While the Environmental Report has been entered in eDockets, at this time, it doesn't seem to "accompany" the project.

> **7849.1800 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PROJECT.**
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> Subpart 1. **PUC decision.** The environmental report, or environmental assessment or EIS prepared pursuant to part 7849.1900, must be completed and copies provided to the Public Utilities Commission before the PUC can hold any public hearing or render a final decision on an application for a certificate of need or for certification of a HVTL. However, the PUC can commence the public hearing process by conducting prehearing matters. The commissioner's staff shall participate in the PUC proceeding and be available to answer questions about the environmental report or environmental assessment or EIS and to respond to comments about the document. The environmental report or environmental assessment or EIS must be considered by the PUC in making a final decision on a certificate of need or HVTL certification request.

Having the disc drives available for the public is greatly appreciated, but here is no hard copy of the environmental report available for review at today's first public hearing. A copy could likely be provided quickly for the front table.

The rule further states that "[T]he Commissioner's staff shall participate in the PUC proceeding and be available to answer questions about the environmental report… and to respond to comments about the document." Id.

It was not clear at the meeting that the public was aware of the Environmental Report component of this hearing – it's hard to ask questions if you don't know the question, and even harder if you don't know that this is THE place to ask and receive answers. This is the public's

only opportunity for oral comments. The Commission's process is difficult for people to navigate, and need frequent explanations. Increasing public awareness of the purpose of the hearing would facilitate more meaningful and on point comments.

For example, listening to the comments this morning about magnetic fields, responding to those comments could be a specific direction to a page in the application and/or Environmental Report. One obvious critique is that the magnetic field charts are off in both! The chart for Magnetic Fields in the Application[1] lists amps at 2,264 for the 765 kV line when the "MISO required" amperage level is 4,000![2]

Table 8.6-2
Magnetic Field Calculation Summary for the Project (mG) [a]

Transmission Line Voltage	Current (Amps)	Distance to Proposed Centerline (feet)										
		-125	-100	-75	-50	-25	0	25	50	75	100	125
765 kV	2,264	75.7	108.6	155.8	203.9	225.3	225.0	225.3	203.9	155.8	108.6	75.7
345 kV [b]	1,850	-	-	45	90	161	237	167	95	45	-	-

[a] Both transmission line voltages were analyzed using a system condition of highest loading – system intact.
[b] The right-of-way for the 345 kV transmission line is 150 feet, so greater distances were not included in the analysis.

The Applicant's table is cut and pasted in the Environmental Report,[3] citing the application, and it is identical to the one in the Application EXCEPT the amperage column is omitted – there is no amperage shown!

Table 4-12. Calculated Magnetic Fields for the Project

Transmission Line Voltage	Distance from Project Centerline (feet)										
	-125	-100	-75	-50	-25	0	25	50	75	100	125
765-kV	75.7	108.6	155.8	203.9	225.3	225.0	225.3	203.9	155.8	108.6	75.7
345-kV‡	-	-	45	90	161	237	167	95	45	-	-

[1] Application, Table 8.6-2, p. 196.
[2] Application, p. 33 "The conductor provides the requisite capacity for the Project, including meeting MISO's ampacity and surge impedance loading (SIL) requirements of 4,000 amps and of 2,400 MW, respectively." See also p. 182.
[3] Environmental Report, p. 92, Table 4-12.

Based on the emphatic comments this morning about magnetic fields, the public is reasonably concerned. Awareness of the Environmental Report section on magnetic fields and the calculation of magnetic fields, and further calculation at the 4,000 "MISO required amps" level is necessary to accurately address potential impacts.

The public needs to know that this hearing is their opportunity to raise these questions and receive answers, and to follow up on the proceeding using transcripts at their local library..

NRG and NO765MN ask that:

1. Copies of the public hearing and evidentiary transcripts be provided to local public libraries, and Applicants are amenable;

2. The public be clearly notified that both the Application and Environmental Report are available at the entrance for review, and stressing that the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments and questions about the Certificate of Need application **and the Environmental Report**, and that applicants and staff responsible for each are available for questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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