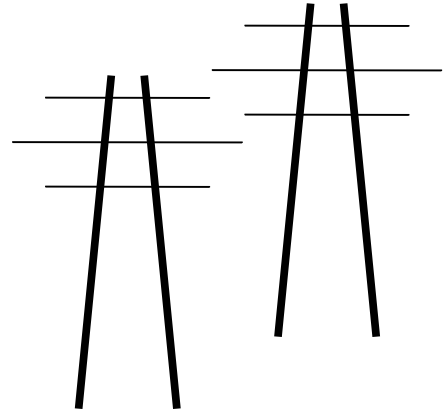


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RE: In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy and Xcel Energy for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings to Hampton
MPUC Docket No. ET-2/TL-08-1474; OAH Docket No. 7-2500-20283-2

Dear Judge Luis:

I am sending this letter on behalf of Intervenors NoCapX 2020 and United Citizens Action Network.

Today I received a call from Ms. Agrimonti, requesting agreement for a narrow extension of the Comment deadline, to provide additional time for submission of a Comment by USFWS. Because of the fundamental and likely determinative issues now under review by USFWS, it is important to do everything possible to encourage input, and we have no objections.

That said, we have one caveat and request – based on the last minute filing of USFWS in the last public comment period, we ask that parties have at least 24, and preferably 48 hours to address any issues raised in a USFWS Comment, should one be submitted, in our Initial Briefs. This could be addressed by setting the “USFWS Comment” deadline at October 29, 2010, or the deadline for Initial Briefs at November 3, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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