

January 14, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Route Permit for the 161 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line Associated with the Dodge County Wind Project in Dodge and Mower Counties, Minnesota, Docket No. IP6981/TL-20-867 - Amended Route Permit Application*

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850, Dodge County Wind, LLC respectfully submits its amended Application for a Route Permit for the Dodge County Transmission Line ("Amended Route Permit Application"). This application is intended to replace the initial application filed on September 14, 2021 in this docket.

The Amended Route Permit Application has been submitted via the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") e-filing system and hard copies of the Amended Route Permit Application are being provided to the Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce as requested. A copy of the filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record

Amended Route Permit Application has been revised and resubmitted to reflect:

- Edits and changes addressing the following comments from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis; specifically:
 - Additional text specifying the required right-of-way ("ROW") (using the definition of ROW defined in Minnesota Rule 7850.1000, subpart 15), describing the structures and spans used for the transmission line, and clarifying the relationship between transmission line ROW and existing road ROW.
 - A summary of the status of voluntary easements on private land to support overhang of the proposed transmission line.
 - An explanation of how pole spacing will need to be adjusted in areas where the transmission line is confined to road ROW because landowner participation is

not obtained. This explanation should include a corresponding analysis of resource impacts associated with pole spacing adjustments.

- Additions to the elevation drawings in Appendix D to show conductor overhang of roadway during at-rest conditions and onto private property (as described on page 15 of DCW's initial Route Permit Application).
- Additional discussion of potential roadway impacts and mitigation measures in Section 2.3 of DCW's initial Route Permit Application to include detail on potential impacts and mitigation measures beyond the general discussion of National Electric Safety Code standards and adherence to MnDOT Utility Accommodation and Coordination Manual.
- Edits and changes addressing the Minnesota Department of Transportation's ("MnDOT") concern with routing longitudinally in the MnDOT right-of-way by routing around MnDOT, except for crossing MnDOT roads.

In addition to this transmittal letter, included with DCW's Amended Route Permit Application are:¹

- Application Text
- Appendix A —Completeness Checklist
- Appendix B — 10-day Notice
- Appendix C — Notice and NHIS Request
- Appendix D — Decommissioning Plan
- Appendix E — Technical Drawings
- Appendix F — Agency Correspondence
- Appendix G — List of Landowners
- Appendix H — Land Values
- Appendix I — Maps and Figures

A copy of this filing is being served upon the persons on the official service list of record, in accordance with the attached certificate of service.

Sincerely,

Stinson LLP

/s/ Brian Meloy

Brian Meloy

¹ Elements of the application that have been revised for this refiling are so indicated in the bulleted list.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
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)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of **Dodge County Wind, LLC's Amended Route Permit Application**, has been served today by e-mail and/or U.S. Mail to the following:

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Dated this 14th day of January, 2022

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