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## Comment Period Closes Friday, February 4, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

*Comments must be post-marked or received electronically by the comment deadline.*

### How to comment:

- Submit this form to the Environmental Review Manager at the public meeting
- Mail this form remembering to affix appropriate postage
- Mail comments in a separate envelope to the address on this form
- Fax comments to the Environmental Review Manager: 651-539-0109
- Email comments to the Environmental Review Manager: [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us)
- Use the online comment form: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>

Comments do not need to be on this form to be accepted. We encourage you to provide comments in whatever way is most convenient for you. If commenting by email or fax use "Public Comment: Duluth Loop Project" in the subject line.

**THANK YOU for participating in the permitting process!** By commenting you are helping inform the Public Utilities Commission's decision regarding this project.

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### Environmental Assessment Scoping Comment Period Duluth Loop Reliability Project

*Docket Nos. E015/CN-21-140 (CN) and E015/TL-21-141 (Route  
 Permit*

Minnesota Power proposes to construct new 115 kV and 230 kV transmission lines and reconfiguration, rebuild, and upgrade existing transmission lines and communications infrastructure in the Project area.

Comments will be used to focus the environmental assessment on potential human or environmental impacts and other issues important to making an informed permit decision. Please be as detailed as possible. Use additional pages as needed. Contact the Environmental Review Manager, William Cole Storm, with any questions about commenting or submitting your comments. For help suggesting alternative sites refer to: *How to Suggest Alternative Power Plant Sites or Transmission Line Routes* available at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/>.

For additional project information visit: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/14652> or contact the Environmental Review Manager at: [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us); 651-539-1844; or toll free 1-800-657-3794.

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

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Share your comments on the Duluth Loop Reliability Project. Please be as specific as possible.

- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered?
- Are there any methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed site or project that should be considered?
- Are there any items missing or mischaracterized in the certificate of need or site permit applications?

- Northridge Estates Assoc property is located just west of the Ridgeway Substation. The property is dedicated to conservation use in perpetuity as part of the MN Land Trust. As a result, effort is necessary to avoid or minimize greater impact on these lands, and coordination w/ the MN Land Trust will be vital.
- The E Branch of Chester Cr. crosses the existing power line within NEA's vicinity. This is a designated trout stream and efforts will be necessary to minimize impacts, short and long-term, on the stream.
- To ~~maximize~~ minimize right-of-way impacts we will support the Allete implementation of the new 115KV line in our area to fit within the existing ROW which seems of adequate width for that purpose.
- Thank you for this opportunity to comment!