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Mr. Ray Kirsch
Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Kirsch:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Project) located in Martin, Jackson, and Faribault counties, Minnesota. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the Draft EIS and have no comments at this time.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this project. **Please provide the notice of decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.** Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this Draft EIS, please contact me at 651-757-2482.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Kain".

Kevin Kain
Planner Principal
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