Appendix A

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Gopher to Badger Link Transmission Line Project
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Project ownership	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(1)	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the application and after commercial operation	Section 1.4
Permittee name	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(2)	The name of any person or organization initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated	Section 1.5
Project description	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(3)	A description of the proposed large energy infrastructure facility and all associated facilities, including size, type, and timing of the facility	Sections 1.2, 3.1, and 3.2; Appendix B
Environmental Information, generally	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(4)	The environmental information required under subdivision 4;	Section 6
Identification of Property Owners	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(5)	The names of each owner described under subdivision 8;	Appendix E
Maps	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(6)	United States Geological Survey topographical maps, or other maps acceptable to the commission, that show the entire proposed large energy infrastructure facility	Figures 1 – 20 and Appendix F
Existing ROWs	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(7)	A document that identifies existing utility and public rights-of-way along or near the large energy infrastructure facility	Table 4.3.2-1; Appendix F
Project design, including required ancillary facilities	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(8)	The engineering and operational design at each of the proposed sites for the proposed large energy infrastructure facility, and identify transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that are required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility	Sections 3.1, and 3.2
Project cost	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(9)	A cost analysis of the proposed large energy infrastructure facility, including the costs to construct, operate, and maintain the facility	Section 3.4
Design for expansion	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(10)	A description of possible design options to accommodate the large energy infrastructure facility's future expansion	Section 3.3

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Site or ROW acquisition, construction, maintenance, & restoration	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(11)	The procedures and practices proposed to acquire, construct, maintain, and restore the large energy infrastructure facility's right-of-way or site	Section 5
Other Permits	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(12)	A list and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the proposed large energy infrastructure facility	Section 7.1 and Table 7.1-1
CN Requirement	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(13)	A discussion regarding whether a certificate of need application is required and, if a certificate of need application is required, whether the certificate of need application has been submitted	Section 2.1
Other sites or routes considered	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(14)	A discussion regarding any other sites or routes that were considered and rejected by the applicant	Section 4.3
Additional information required by rule	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(15)	Any information the commission requires pursuant to an administrative rule	
Tribal coordination	216I.05, subd. 3(b)(16); 216I.05, subd. 5(2)	A discussion regarding coordination with Minnesota Tribal governments, as defined under section 10.65, subdivision 2, by the applicant, including but not limited to the notice required under subdivision 5 of this section	Sections 1.8, 2.3.1, 6.7.3, 7.2; Appendix C
Preapplication Coordination (LGUs)	216I.05, subd. 5(1)	At least 30 days before filing an application with the commission, an applicant must provide notice to: (1) each local unit of government within which a site or route may be proposed	Sections 1.8 and 2.3.1; Appendix C
Preapplication Coordination (State Technical Resource Agencies)	216I.05, subd. 5(3)	At least 30 days before filing an application with the commission, an applicant must provide notice to: (3) the state technical resource agencies	Sections 1.8 and 2.3.1; Appendix C
Environmental information, generally	216I.05, subd. 4(a)	An applicant for a site or route permit must include in the application environmental information for each proposed site or route. The environmental information submitted must include:	Section 6
Environmental setting	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(1)	A description of each site or route's environmental setting	Section 6.3
Human settlement, generally	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2)	Description of the effects the facility's construction and operation has on human settlement, including but not limited to	Section 6.4

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Public health & safety including EMF	216I.05, subd. 11(b)(1) (Decision Criteria)	public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, environmental justice impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services	Section 6.5
Displacement	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2)		Section 6.4.3
Noise	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2)		Section 6.4.7
Aesthetics	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2); 216I.19		Section 6.4.5
Socioeconomic Impacts	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2); 216I.05, subd. 11(b)(14)		Section 6.4.9
Environmental Justice Impacts	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2); 216I.05, subd. 11(a)(3)		Section 6.4.8
Cultural Values	216I.05, subd.4(a)(2)		Section 6.4.1
Recreation	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2)		Section 6.4.6
Public Services	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(2)		Section 6.4.4
Land Use	216I.05, subd. 11(a) (2) (Decision Criteria)	The commission's site and route permit determinations must (1) be guided by the state's goals to conserve resources; (2) minimize environmental impacts, and minimize human settlement and other land use conflicts;	Section 6.4.2
Land-based economics, generally	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(3)	A description of the facility's effects on land-based economies, including but not limited to agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining	Section 6.6
Agriculture	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(3)	A description of the facility's effects on land-based economies, including but not limited to agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining	Section 6.6.1
Forestry	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(3)		Section 6.6.2
Tourism	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(3)		Section 6.6.4
Mining	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(3)		Section 6.6.3
Archaeological & historic resources	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(4)	A description of the facility's effects on archaeological and historic resources	Section 6.7
Natural environment impacts, generally	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5)	A description of the facility's effects on the natural environment, including	Section 6.8

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Air quality	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5)	Effects on air and water quality resources, flora, and fauna	Section 6.8.1
Geology and Groundwater	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5); 216I.05, subd. 11(b)(1)	A description of the facility's effects on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources, flora, and fauna	Sections 6.8.4 and 6.8.6
Soils	216I.05, subd. 11(b)(1) and subd. 11(b)(5)	A description of the facility's effects on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources, flora, and fauna	Section 6.8.5
Surface waters (including stormwater, floodplains, and wetlands)	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5); 216I.05, subd. 11(b)(1)		Section 6.8.7
Vegetation	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5)		Section 6.8.8
Wildlife	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(5)		Section 6.8.9
Rare & unique resources	subd. 4(a)(8)	A description of the facility's effects on rare and unique natural resources	Section 6.8.10
Greenhouse gases	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(6)	A description of the greenhouse gases associated with constructing and operating the facility	Section 6.8.2
Climate change resilience	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(7)	A description of the facility's climate change resilience	Section 6.8.3
Unavoidable Impacts	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(9)	A list that identifies human and natural environmental effects that are unavoidable if the facility is approved at a specific site or route	Section 6.9
Irretrievable and Irreversible Impacts	216I.05, subd. 11(b)(11)	Evaluating irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources if the proposed site or route is approved	Section 6.10
Mitigation Measures	216I.05, subd. 4(a)(10)	A description of (i) measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts identified in clauses (1) to (7), and (ii) the estimated costs of the potential mitigative measures	Sections 5 and 6