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Dear FERC,

I am writing in response to your evaluation of the Tomah Branch Line Loop, docket number CP24-60-000. This expansion of the Northern Natural Gas high capacity Tomah Branch Line is not necessary as WE Energy has already provided plenty of new natural gas high capacity to the region when they built a new high capacity line which serves this area. In fact, one of WE Energy's proposed routes was putting a new high capacity gas line in the same place Northern is requesting to put in this new gas line. The public service commission in Wisconsin was able to select from several proposed routes and chose not to use the existing Northern Natural Gas route as it would have caused substantial impact to the environment and was not needed. Instead, We Energy put their High Capacity Line down a different route which still serves this area.

The placement of the new Northern Natural high capacity gas line next to the old line is not necessary as there is plenty of capacity for the future from the existing Northern Natural Gas high capacity line and the new, We Energy high capacity line. Putting this new line in will have substantial environmental impact to the agricultural lands and woodlands when the line is installed. It will forever change the use of the land the line is placed on and the land adjoining this land. It is not necessary to damage the farmlands when there is already plenty of natural gas capacity for years into the future.

Sincerely,

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