

Summary of request to extend Property Access Agreement

We respectfully request to modify the expiration date of the previously approved access agreement for Northern States Power dated December 11, 2023. The original agreement expires March 15, 2024; we are requesting a 6 1/2-week extension through **April 30, 2024**.

The request for the extension is due to significant issues with procurement, most notably obtaining the new steel poles for installation between the La Crosse substation and Oktoberfest grounds. When we submitted our original application in December, we expected to have all poles in our possession by January 31, 2024. Some of those poles will not be arriving until early to mid-March.

We have completed most of the foundations that those poles will be installed on, and continue to work on those, so they will be ready to go when poles arrive. We are actively installing the poles we do have. Once the poles are installed, we will string new wire, and then we can begin removing mats. Mat removal for the area between La Crosse substation and Oktoberfest grounds will take 3-4 weeks. It's too early for us to commit to doing a specific area first, but we will make every effort to coordinate removal to open up the trails as quickly as possible.