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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Via Electronic Filing

Re: LSP Transmission Holdings, LLC v. Katie Sieben, et al., No. 20-641

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, the State Respondents – Katie Sieben, Dan M. Lipschultz, Matthew Schuerger, John Tuma, Valerie Means, and Steve Kelley – request a 45-day extension of time for the parties to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. A response is currently due December 10, 2020. A 45-day extension would make a response due January 25, 2021.

The State Respondents submit that good cause exists for the extension. The State Respondents are government officials, sued in their official capacities, in charge of two agencies – the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Before a response is filed, it must be reviewed and approved by both agencies, after going through internal review at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. In addition, two of the named State Respondents have left office and been replaced, since the matter was submitted to the Eighth Circuit more than a year ago. Joseph Sullivan has replaced Dan M. Lipschultz as Vice Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, and Grace Arnold is the temporary Commissioner of Commerce in place of Steve Kelley. These officials will take additional time to become familiar with this matter.

Counsel for the State Respondents has conferred with counsel for Petitioner LSP Transmission Holdings and counsel for the co-Respondents. They consent to the extension.

Sincerely,

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