**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

***Before the*
<DRAINAGE AUTHORITY NAME>
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
<NAME OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM>**

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| **In the Matter of:****the Petition for Lateral to <Name of Drainage System>** | **PETITION FOR LATERAL TO <NAME OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM>** |

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.225, Petitioners, owners of property in the vicinity of <name of drainage system> seek approval for construction of a lateral to <name of drainage system>. For their Petition, the undersigned Petitioners state and allege the following:

1. Petitioners seek approval for construction of a lateral to be connected to <name of drainage system> located in <Township(s)/County(ies)>.
2. The construction of the lateral is necessary because <statement regarding the necessity for construction of the lateral>.
3. The following is a description of a starting point, general course, and terminus of the proposed lateral:

Commencing at a point located in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>; thence <general description of the course of the proposed drainage system>; connecting to <name of drainage system> at a point located in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>.

1. The 40-acre tracts or government lots and property that will be traversed by the proposed lateral, including the names and addresses of the property owners from the records in the county assessor’s office, is as follows:

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| **Property Description** | **Property Owners** | **Address** |
| 1. |  |  |
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1. The proposed lateral, if constructed, will be of public benefit and utility and promote the public health.
2. [Note: If the proposed lateral will drain lands not currently assessed benefits to the drainage system to which it will connect, permission to use the drainage system as an outlet for the lateral will need to be obtained under Minn. Stat. § 103E.401]. <Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.401, Petitioners are filing a petition for express authority for the use of <name of drainage system> as an outlet for the lateral concurrently with filing this Petition>.
3. Petitioners will pay all costs of the proceedings if the proceedings are dismissed or the contract for construction of the proposed lateral is not awarded.
4. A bond in the amount of <at least $10,000> is attached hereto, payable to <county(ies) or watershed district> conditioned to pay the costs incurred if these proceedings are dismissed or a contact is not awarded to construct the improvement proposed in the petition. Petitioners acknowledge and agree that additional bonds may be required as additional costs are incurred in the proceedings.
5. Petitioners are the owners of \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ 40-acre tracts or government lots and property, <(1) at least twenty-six percent of the owners of the property the lateral passes over; or (2) at least twenty-six percent of the area that the proposed lateral passes over.>
6. This Petition may be signed in counterparts.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by:

[Note: All signatories to the Petition must indicate the capacity in which they sign, i.e. owner, co-owner, corporate official, or government lot. In the case of a partnership, only one general partner needs sign. In the case of a corporation, only one corporate official need sign. In the case of co-ownership, all co-owners must sign. In the case of a trust, all trustees must sign. Be sure all signature blocks are fully completed. If you are unsure of whom must sign please contact the petitioner’s attorney.]

| **Owner Signature** | **Property Owned** | **Mailing Address** | **Dated** |
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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_<Owner Name> | <Property Descriptions> | <Street Address><City>, <State>, <Zip> | \_\_\_\_\_\_ |