

**In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for the Acquisition of ALLETE by
Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Global Infrastructure Partners**

PUC Docket No. E-015/PA-24-198

Reply Comments of LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota

LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota (“LIUNA”) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the petition for reconsideration of the Minnesota Public Utility Commission’s December 10, 2025 Order filed by CURE in this docket. LIUNA opposes Petitioner’s request for reconsideration both because Petitioners fail to identify any aspect of the Order that is unlawful or unreasonable, and because the consequences of CURE’s proposed remedy could destabilize Minnesota Power and harm the customer communities the utility serves.

In the Petition, CURE argues that the Commission should reopen the record because to consider the relevance to the decision of a proposed new large data center in Hermantown, Minnesota that could, if built, be served by Minnesota Power. CURE seizes upon an apparent contradiction between discussions of Minnesota Power’s “plans” with respect to data centers and the emergence of the Hermantown proposal.

First, the approval process and relevant considerations for the addition of new data center load by regulated utilities are well and recently established by the Minnesota legislature and apply regardless of the utility’s ownership structure. Second, the potential for addition of new large load from data centers or other industrial users, potentially including Mesabi Metallics, was well understood and fully discussed as part of the proceeding to the limited degree such additions were relevant to the Commission’s considerations. Third, Minnesota Power has no control over the proposed Hermantown data center or any other potential source of large load and therefore cannot “plan” except to consider various load forecasts.

For these reasons, we believe the data center question lacks relevance, has been considered, and does not justify reconsideration.

We thank the Commission for its consideration.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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