

**Comments from Operating Engineers Local 49  
and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters**

July 8, 2025

Mr. Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Re: Letter of Support for Wisconsin Power and Light Large Wind Permit – Docket No. 24-349**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, which represents nearly 42,000 members across six states including Wisconsin and Minnesota, we fully support Wisconsin Power and Light's application for a large wind project permit before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Docket No. 24-349).

The expansion of renewable energy projects like this wind initiative is vital to the economic well-being of our members and the broader communities we serve. Our unions are committed to providing highly skilled, local labor for infrastructure projects that support clean energy transitions, and we are proud to partner with utilities that uphold competitive labor standards, fair wages, and robust training opportunities. Projects of this scale not only create over 100 well-paying construction jobs but also stimulate local economies in excess of \$100 million and provide long-term benefits to ratepayers and the environment.

We attended a public meeting and carefully listened to Wisconsin Power and Light address all the public's questions. We have also met with them and commend Wisconsin Power and Light for their continued commitment to utilize union labor while investing in the workforce required for these critical projects. Our members are ready and eager to contribute to the safe, efficient, and timely construction of this wind development.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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