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Sasha Bergman  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and American Transmission Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead 345 kV Transmission Project; Docket Nos. E015/CN-25-111 & E015/TL-25-112*

Executive Secretary Bergman:

CURE offers this filing supplementing staff briefing papers in the above-captioned dockets with one decision option supported in the record.

### **Community Benefits Decision Option**

**2.1** Include in the modifications to the Draft Route Permit a special permit requirement for the Applicants to lay out a community benefits planning process within 30 days of the Commission's Order, and to file a community benefit plan within 180 days of the final route permit issuance. Such plan and agreement will not be designated trade secret in any part, and must be written so that the public can ascertain and understand all benefits that accrue to them under the agreement. Any funds allocated under the plan are nonrecoverable from ratepayers.

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