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Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a
Certificate of Need for the Duluth Loop Reliability Project*
MPUC Docket No. E015/CN-21-140
Reply Comments – Exemption Request

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Minnesota Power respectfully submits these brief Reply Comments in response to the comments submitted on March 22, 2021, by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (“Department”) regarding Minnesota Power’s Exemption Request Petition (“Exemption Request”) in the above-referenced docket. Minnesota Power appreciates the Department’s thorough review of its Exemption Request and agrees with the Department’s recommendation to provide the data required by Minnesota Rule 7849.0280, Subp. A in its upcoming Certificate of Need application. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or dmoeller@allete.com.

Yours truly,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINNESOTA POWER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
NEED FOR THE DULUTH LOOP RELIABILITY
PROJECT

MPUC DOCKET NO. E015/CN-21-140

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Theresa A. Senart certifies that on the 7th day of April, 2021, she filed and served a true and correct copy of Minnesota Power's **Reply Comments to the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resource, Comments to Exemption Request** via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said document is also served via U.S. Mail or email as designated on the attached Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced docket.

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