

LARGE POWER INTERVENORS

Information Request

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Reference Appendix L, Table 1.

- a. Please define “5 Year Power Supply Plan Incremental Costs” as that term is used in Appendix L. In your definition, please explain whether these incremental costs include investments approved in other dockets currently or previously pending before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.
- b. Please explain whether Table 1 in Appendix L is limited to the 5 Year Power Supply Plan Incremental Costs. If not, please identify all costs and investments excluded from Table 1.
- c. Please update and reproduce Table 1 to include all forecasted rate increases Minnesota Power anticipates its customers will face, on a total-bill basis, for the years referenced.

RESPONSE:

- a) The “5 Year Power Supply Plan Incremental Costs” are the increasing costs associated with anticipated future resources that will be required to meet Minnesota Power’s power supply needs. The incremental costs are defined relative to the base year and represent the additional expenditures required to implement the proposed power supply Base Plan recommended in the 2025 IRP. It does not exclude pending dockets; rather, the incremental cost represents the net increase in power supply costs regardless of regulatory status.
- b) Yes, Table 1 in Appendix L is based on the “5 Year Power Supply Incremental Costs.” It reflects the year-over-year impact of the forecasted power supply costs.
- c) As discussed in Appendix L, Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2e. requires electric utilities to submit to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) a report containing an estimation of the rate impact of their resource plans. As part of the Commission’s review of a utility’s resource plan, it must evaluate the plan’s ability to “keep the customers’ bills and the utility’s rates as low as practicable, given regulatory and other constraints.”¹ In 2011, the Commission ordered Minnesota Power to include a “cost

¹ Minn. R. 7843.0500, subp. 3

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impact analysis by customer class” in its next resource plan.² The Company has complied with this order point by including the cost impact analysis by customer class for the 5 Year Power Supply Plan in its subsequent integrated resource plans, including the 2025 IRP. Table 1 has therefore been developed to include all forecasted power supply costs associated with the implementation of Minnesota Power’s 2025 IRP Base Plan over the five-year period referenced. Each rate class in Table 1 has a row stating the “Average Impact (\$/month)” which is this model’s representation of the bill impact.

² *In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s 2010-2024 Integrated Resource Plan*, Docket E-015/RP-09-1088, Order Accepting Resource Plan and Requiring Compliance Filings (May 6, 2011).

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