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MN Public Utilities Commission  
Att: Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
121 7th Place East  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Docket No. is 20-828.

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Established in 1979, the Twin Ports Arrowhead Chapter of NECA is a member-based association that is the voice of union electrical contractors in the Arrowhead Region of Northern Minnesota. Our members employ hundreds of skilled tradespeople that perform electrical work in residential, commercial, and industrial settings. Our contractors take pride in being at the forefront of the electrical industry – from smart electrical power systems to low-voltage energy efficient lighting, and to renewable energy projects.

We urge your full support of Minnesota Power's petition to approve their more than 20 MW of utility grade local solar projects in Northern Minnesota. These projects will provide much needed economic relief and recovery to those communities hardest hit by the pandemic. Their \$40 million dollar investment will increase consumer spending, bring new sources of local carbon free energy to the market, and provide additional tax revenue to the host communities. Further, it will aid local job creation and their commitment to using local prevailing wage construction labor will put union contractors and their employees to work.

Thank you for considering this petition and for supporting investment in our regional economy.

Sincerely,

David M. Orman  
NECA Chapter Executive

Rick Osbakken  
NECA Chapter Governor

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