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Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Re: In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's Natural Gas Innovation Plan Docket No. G-008/M-23-215

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

At Minneapolis Public Schools, we are aware of Minnesota's Natural Gas Innovation Act and CenterPoint Energy's proposed Innovation Plan, which would make a variety of novel technologies and fuels more accessible to customers in the state. Minneapolis Public Schools is interested in CenterPoint Energy's proposed Pilot H: Carbon Capture Rebates for Commercial Buildings and recommends the Commission approve this rebate program.

Minneapolis Public Schools intends to install two Carbin X units at Bryn Mawr Elementary and Edison Senior High School. Both units will provide educational opportunities for students and provide carbon capture for natural gas water heaters at the schools. Minneapolis Public Schools is excited to explore other options and projects with CenterPoint Energy to expand carbon capture at schools.

The Pilot H proposal would allow additional CenterPoint Energy non-residential customers with natural gas equipment to install CarbinX carbon capture systems, converting captured CO₂ to a solid while recapturing waste heat for use on site. The CarbinX units have an estimated 20-year life and could be installed on existing equipment at our schools. An incentive from CenterPoint Energy would offset a significant portion of installation costs, making this technology more feasible as a tool for emissions reductions. Additionally, CleanO₂, the manufacturer of CarbinX, harvests the byproduct of the carbon capture process and shares revenue with participants, which would create added benefits for our decarbonization efforts beyond the 5-year pilot.

We are interested in using this technology to support our decarbonization goals but understand that CenterPoint has reached capacity for unit installation through their existing R&D program. We urge the Commission to approve Pilot H, so that more customers like Minneapolis Public Schools are able to access CenterPoint's support for this technology.

Sincerely,

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