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VIA E-FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary MN Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric

Service Agreement Between Blandin Paper and Minnesota Power

Docket No. E015/M-19-____

Dear Mr. Wolf

Enclosed for filing with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission please find Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement Between Blandin Paper and Minnesota Power.

Please contact me at the number above should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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DRM:sr Attach.

cc: Large Power Service List

STATEMENT REGARDING JUSTIFICATION FOR EXCISING TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Commission's revised Procedures for Handling Trade Secret and Privileged Data in furtherance of the intent of Minn. Stat. 13.37 and Minn. Rule Part 7829.0500, Minnesota Power has designated portions of the attached Petition and exhibits thereto as Trade Secret.

The Petition describes the Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement ("Agreement") between Minnesota Power and Blandin Paper (hereinafter "Blandin"). This Agreement contains terms and conditions that are materially sensitive to Minnesota Power (due to the specific price and rate identification for electric service to this Large Power customer) and contains Minnesota Power's unique methods, techniques and process for supplying electric service to Blandin. The information regarding specific energy pricing methods and process Minnesota Power utilizes to provide its services, combined with the identification of levels of energy usage and economic impact data, is valuable commercial information to both Minnesota Power and Blandin, and because of the intensely competitive marketplace Blandin operates in, this information is also confidential and Trade Secret to Blandin. Minnesota Power and Blandin follow strict internal procedures to maintain the secrecy of this information in order to capitalize on the economic value of the information. Potential competitors of both parties would gain a commercial advantage if this information was publicly available, with severe competitive implications resulting.

Minnesota Power believes that this statement justifies why the information excised from the attached report should remain a trade secret under Minn. Stat. §13.37. Minnesota Power respectfully requests the opportunity to provide additional justification in the event of a challenge to the trade secret designation provided herein.

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SUSAN ROMANS, of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 9th day of **January**, **2019**, she served Minnesota Power's Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement Between Blandin Paper and Minnesota Power on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Energy Security. The persons on Minnesota Power's Large Power Service List located on E-Dockets were served as requested.

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