



March 1, 2021

**VIA E-FILING**

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

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval  
to Track and Defer Lost Large Industrial Customer Sales  
Resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic  
**Docket No. E015/M-20-814**

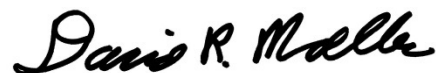
Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Minnesota Power provides the following brief update in the above-referenced Docket. ALLETE's annual Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 17, 2021 provided the following update on Verso's notice of termination of its electric service agreement for the Duluth Mill:

*Verso Corporation. In June 2020, Verso Corporation indefinitely idled its paper mill in Duluth, Minnesota (Duluth Mill). Verso Corporation stated the decision was due to the accelerated decline in graphic paper demand resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and has disclosed it is considering options for the Duluth Mill, including marketing for a sale. On January 29, 2021, Verso Corporation provided notice of termination for its contract effective in January 2025, with no demand charge expected after February 2023 (minimal demand charge through January 2023).*

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or [dmoeller@allete.com](mailto:dmoeller@allete.com).

Yours truly,



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Tiana Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021, she served Minnesota Power's Notice in **Docket No. E015/M-20-814** on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The persons on E-Docket's Official Service List for this Docket were served as requested.



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Tiana Heger