

**Comments from Operating Engineers Local 49 and North Central States Regional Council
of Carpenters**

October 24, 2024

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

*In the Matter of the Application of Snowshoe BESS, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 150 MW
Snowshoe Energy Storage Project in Olmsted County, Minnesota (24-279)*

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this matter. As the PUC is aware our members help build and maintain energy infrastructure around the state. We appreciate the opportunity to review the Snowshoe BESS project application.

As the Commission is aware, we believe it is important that as we transition our energy system from traditional thermal plant resources, towards more wind, solar and batteries that we are maintaining labor standards and providing good paying jobs for local construction workers. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with representatives from Spearmint Energy to talk about the project prior to filing and we look forward to continuing those conversations and discussing further how we can ensure the project maximizes local jobs as the permitting process moves forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Nathan Runke, Regulatory and Political Affairs Coordinator, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49

Richard Kolodziejski, Public Affairs Director, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters