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Mike Bull
Acting Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: *In the Matter of a Formal Complaint by the Upper Sioux Community Against Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Assn.; Docket No. E-123/C-25-219*

Executive Secretary Bull,

In accordance with Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) staff's request, CURE submits this record of preferred Decision Options regarding the Formal Complaint filed by the Upper Sioux Community regarding its electric service provider, Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association.

CURE supports the following Decision Options and believes they are fully supported by the record:

1. **Determine that the Commission has jurisdiction over the issues raised in the complaint filed by the Upper Sioux Community.**
3. **Determine that there are reasonable grounds and that it is in the public interest to investigate the complaint and proceed with an investigation under Minn. R. 7829.1900.**
6. **Initiate an expedited investigation into the complaint according to the procedures set forth in Minn. R. 7829.1200 and .1900.**
8. **Direct the Commission's Tribal Liaison to coordinate government-to-government consultation with Tribal Nations on issues related to distributed energy resources, alternative processes, and the regulatory framework associated with the engagement of Tribes with their rural electric cooperatives.**

CURE also believes that the Fond du Lac Tribal Utility Corporation/Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy board member reply comment¹ made a specific recommendation that goes beyond what

¹ eDockets No. [20256-220288-01](#).



was stated in Decision Option 8, and CURE hopes to accurately summarize it in this new Decision Option 9:

- 9. Before any referral to a contested case hearing and prior to concluding an expedited investigation, refer the issue of interconnection barriers to tribal clean energy development to the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy (TACE), so that TACE may provide guidance on issues germane to all tribes that may help to contextualize the dispute at issue in this complaint.**

CURE supports 1, 3, 6, 8, and new option 9. We will be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have during the hearing.

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