



July 10, 2020

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 of the Annual Forecasted Rates for its Rider for Fuel and Purchased Energy Charge
Docket No. E015/AA-20-463
Extension Request**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Reply Comments to the Initial Comments submitted by the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") on July 1, 2020, are currently due on July 31, 2020.

As part of the reply comment period Minnesota Power (or the "Company") has the ability to update its forecast submitted on May 1, 2020. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic a number of the original assumptions (i.e. market prices, outages, etc.) have changed. In addition on June 30, 2020, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved the Company's petition to recover asset-based wholesale margin credits through the fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") rather than base rates¹. The Department's Initial Comments recommended the asset-based wholesale margin credit be increased by \$3.2 million.

Minnesota Power respectfully requests an extension until August 28, 2020, to allow sufficient time to prepare and file an update to the 2021 FAC Forecast and address the Department's recommendation. Minnesota Power agrees to address the Department's recommendation with regards to the 2020 FAC Forecast by July 31, 2020.

Please contact me at (218) 355-3455 or hcreurer@allete.com if you have any questions regarding this compliance filing.

Kind Regards,

Hillary A. Creurer
Regulatory Compliance Administrator

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¹ In the Matter of the Emergency Petition of Minnesota Power for Approval to Move Asset-Based Wholesale Sales Credits to the Fuel Adjustment Clause and Resolve the Rate Case in Docket Nos. E015/M-20-429 and E015/GR-19-442.

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Tiana Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 10th day of July, 2020, she served Minnesota Power's Extension Request in **Docket No. E015/AA-20-463** 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.



Tiana Heger