

May 15, 2026

Sasha Bergman
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RE: Letter from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. E015/M-19-766

Dear Ms. Bergman:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (the Department) submits this letter in response to Minnesota Power (MP or the Company)'s reply comments in Docket No. E015/M-19-766.

In its initial comments, the Department requested an update on MP's compliance with Order Point 4 of the Reconnect Pilot Program.¹ MP states in its reply comments that it provided net cost changes associated with the Reconnect Pilot Program in Docket No. E015/GR-23-1552.²

The Department also emphasized the importance of data related to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) customers and expressed concern about the removal of this information from the Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality (SRSQ) report.³ In response, the Company notes that it reports LIHEAP data in the monthly Residential Customer Status Report under Docket No. E, G-999/PR-XX-2 and in the annual Customer Affordability of Residential Electricity (CARE) filing under Docket No. E015/M-11-409. MP also states that retaining LIHEAP information in the SRSQ framework is appropriate as it supports analysis of long-term trends and informs affordability-focused communication and programming.⁴

The Department appreciates MP's response and has no additional concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sydnie Lieb, Ph.D.
Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulatory Analysis

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¹ *In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Reconnect Pilot Program*, Department, Comments, April 28, 2026, Docket No. E015/M-19-766, (eDockets) [20264-231053-01](#), at 6 (hereinafter "Department Initial Comments").

² Minnesota Power, Reply Comments, May 12, 2026, Docket No. E015/M-19-766, (eDockets) [20265-23172-01](#), at 3 (hereinafter "MP Reply Comments").

³ Department Initial Comments, at 5.

⁴ MP Reply Comments, at 2.

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I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of people by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Letter**

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Dated this **15th** day of **May 2026**

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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