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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary
MN Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Support Comments Regarding Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amended and Restated Electric Service Agreement Between Blandin Paper and Minnesota Power.
Docket No. E015/M-19-37

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce is a strong supporter of both UPM Blandin Paper Company and Minnesota Power and as such we support the proposed amendment, Docket No. E015/M-19-37 and its implementation as it would improve the long term viability of both organizations in a globally competitive economy.

Both UPM Blandin Paper Company and Minnesota Power have been outstanding corporate citizens of the Grand Rapids Area for many years not to mention the huge economic impact they collectively make in our entire north eastern Minnesota region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.

Bud Stone, President
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce