



117 South First Street • Montevideo, MN 56265

June 2, 2026

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: *In the Matter of a Commission Evaluation of Changes to Natural Gas Utility
Regulatory and Policy Structures to Meet State Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals; Docket
No. G999/CI-21-565*

Executive Secretary Bergman:

CURE appreciates the work that Commission staff put into preparing briefing papers in this docket. The briefing papers are thorough and largely accurate. Unfortunately there is one mischaracterization of CURE's reply comment that was reproduced in the briefing papers.

At no point did CURE assert "that gas workers could find new work on the electric system" and CURE did not make any related statement about retraining mid-career workers. CURE believes, as it said in reply comments that "natural gas utilities should be required to pay into a decommissioning trust that will cover the full decommissioning and removal of existing natural gas infrastructure." The skilled gas workforce will be integral to this work, and will not need to consider any retraining. These workers will remain in demand throughout the removal process.

CURE's statements about the dire need for new training programs for electricians to work in rural Minnesota are still true, and reflect the need for skilled workers to train as electricians from the start of their careers. Regulated utilities should help foster this workforce for the modern era.

/s/ Hudson Kingston

Hudson B. Kingston

Legal Director

P.O. Box 712

Ely, MN

(320) 269-2984



hudson@curemn.org

CUREmn.org  320-269-2984
117 South First Street • Montevideo, MN 56265