MINNESOTA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NEW DECISION OPTIONS
Proposed by Chair Sieben
September 25 and October 3, 2025

DOCKET NUMBER	E-015/PA-24-198
ANALYSTS	Robert Manning, Godwin Ubani
DATE/TIME SUBMITTED	9/16/2025, 3:00 p.m.
TITLE	Sieben New 27–29
ATTACHMENT	No
SUBJECT	In the matter of the Petition of Minnesota Power for Acquisition of ALLETE by Canada Pension Plan Investment board and Global Infrastructure Partners

Sieben New 27. In addition to any other commitments, Partners shall pay $75 million in bill credits to Minnesota Power, which MP shall distribute to customers by 2032 on an allocation and schedule to be approved by the Commission in a future proceeding. Within 30 days of the Order, MP shall file a plan assuring that this commitment is legally enforceable between MP and the Partners and irrevocable until fulfilled, even if the Partners sell the Company. The Commission delegates authority to the Executive Secretary to approve this plan if no party files an objection within 20 days of MP's filing. Additionally, MP shall file a proposal for distributing the bill credits either in its next rate case or in a petition by February 1, 2026, whichever is earlier.

Sieben New 28. MP shall make the following filings, cross filed in this docket and in Docket No. E-015/RP-25-127 (the IRP Docket):

A. Within 90 days of the Order in this docket, MP shall file an alternative resource plan scenario, henceforth called the "Clean Firm Plan," that takes into account modifications made in this docket and accounts for Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691, subd. 2g (the Carbon-Free Standard) in the most cost-effective manner possible. In the IRP docket, MP shall work with stakeholders to develop a Clean Firm Plan that will incorporate changed circumstances on account of the Stipulation and this Order. The Clean Firm Plan shall:

   i. Contemplate replacement and/or surplus use of the Boswell interconnection to achieve a lower emission scenario using the externality values that were updated in Docket No. E-999/CI-14-643.

   ii. Minimize the size and capacity factor of natural gas resources added to minimize the risk of stranded assets for Minnesota Power customers.

    iii. Include clean firm capacity to be funded by the $50 million Clean Firm Fund commitment. The filing shall include details on how Minnesota Power plans to use the Fund including the size and type of the resource(s) to be developed, why the proposed resources are the best use of this Fund, in-service date(s) for proposed resources, and additional funding or financing sources being pursued, as applicable.

B. As ordered in the 2023 IRP, Docket No. E-015/RP-21-33, Minnesota Power shall file in the current IRP Docket amended affiliated interest agreements and updated capacity dedication amounts for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center (NTEC), and parties may analyze whether that amount of NTEC capacity is in the public and ratepayer interest. Minnesota Power shall make the affiliated interest agreement filing by October 15, 2025 in the IRP Docket, and cross-file it in the NTEC affiliated interest agreement docket, No. E-015/AI-17-568.

Sieben New 29. The ALLETE Board shall consist of at least eight independent directors, at least three of whom must be from Minnesota.