



January 29, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: In the Matter Minnesota Power's 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan
Docket No. E015/M-19-684

Dear Mr. Barlow:

On November 15, 2019 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (or, "Commission") issued a Notice of Comment Period In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan in Docket No. E015/M-19-684 (or, Notice"). In the Notice the Commission outlined the following comment deadlines and topics open for comment.

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission accept or reject Minnesota Power's Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP)?
- Does the IDP filed by Minnesota Power achieve the planning objectives outlines in the filing requirements approved in the Commission's February 20, 2019 Order?
- What IDP filing requirements provide the most value to the process and why?
- Are there filing requirements that are not informative and/or should be deleted or modified, and why?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Multiple stakeholders submitted initial comments in response to the Notice including The Department of Commerce, Office of the Attorney General, and Clean Energy Economy Minnesota. Minnesota Power appreciates the thorough and insightful comments submitted by each party.

Minnesota Power (or, "the Company") has reviewed the stakeholder's comments and proposed recommendations. The Company agrees with the stakeholders that its 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan has met all requirements outlined in the Commission's February 20, 2019 Order in the docket and is agreeable to all suggested modifications.

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The Company would like to clarify that the 2019 Integrated Distribution Plan currently evaluates retail service territory projects and planning. While there may be activities happening in conjunction with customers and entities who do not fit into the retail service category, those projects are not currently included in the Company's IDP.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (218) 355-3448 or jwarmuth@mnpower.com.

Sincerely,

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Jenna Warmuth
Senior Public Policy Advisor

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Tiana Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 29th day of January, 2020, she served Minnesota Power's Reply Comments in **Docket No. E015/M-19-684** 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