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Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of a Petition to Ensure Competitive Electric Rates for  
Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed Customers  
**Docket No. E015/M-16-564**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On September 27, 2019, Minnesota Power filed its sales forecast in anticipation of its upcoming general rate case filing in Docket No. E015/GR-19-442 to be submitted on November 1, 2019 for a 2020 test year. Minnesota Power will not be requesting any changes to the current Rider for Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed ("EITE") Customers ("EITE Rider") that was approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in an order dated December 21, 2016 ("EITE Order"). In its EITE Order, the Commission approved Minnesota Power's revised proposal to limit the EITE Rider to a four-year term. The EITE Rider was effective beginning February 1, 2017. Minnesota Power suspended the EITE Rider for three months from September 29, 2017 to January 1, 2018. If the suspension time period is not included, the EITE Rider will expire on February 1, 2021.

Due to the expected timing of Minnesota Power's 2020 rate case and the heavy Commission workload with other rate case and resource dockets, it is likely the Commission will hear oral arguments and deliberate in early 2021. This timing may cause misalignment between the Commission's decisions on new final rates and what impact, if any, the expiration of the current EITE Rider means for all Minnesota Power customers. Therefore, Minnesota Power respectfully requests the Commission grant a procedural extension to continue the EITE Rider until new final rates in the 2020 rate case are effective. To be clear, Minnesota Power is not requesting any modifications to the EITE Rider or any other aspect of the extensive EITE docket.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or [dmoeller@allete.com](mailto:dmoeller@allete.com).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David R. Moeller'.

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS    )

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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2019**, she served Minnesota Power's Letter Regarding Procedural Request in **Docket No. E015/M-16-564** 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.



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Susan Romans