



June 23, 2020

Mr. Will Seuffert
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E
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St. Paul, MN 551501

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan
Docket No. E015/RP-15-690
In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of the EnergyForward
Resource Package
Docket No. E015/M-17-568
Minnesota Power's 2016 Rate Case
Docket No. E015/GR-16-664

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing today on behalf of the City of Cohasset and as a participant in the stakeholder process for the Minnesota Power IRP, Baseload Retirement Study and Securitization Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with other interested stakeholders in this important work and write in support of Minnesota Power's request for a six month extension.

The City of Cohasset supports Minnesota Power through the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process. Cohasset believes a robust process is critical in fully communicating the impact of Minnesota Power and the Boswell Energy Center on the City of Cohasset, Itasca County, ISD318, and the large industrial businesses that support Northeastern Minnesota.

A recent report from the Center for Energy and Environment on Minnesota's Power Plant Communities states: "The Boswell Energy Center employs approximately 170 workers, 10% of whom reside in the city of Cohasset and 90% within Itasca County. Property taxes from the Boswell Energy Center make up almost 70% of Cohasset's annual city tax base, 13% of Itasca County's tax base, and 19% of the Grand Rapids School District tax base."

Decisions about Boswell that could shape our community's collective future for decades should not be rushed. We appreciate and support Minnesota Power's request to take the time necessary to have a robust stakeholder process that includes our perspective.

Sincerely,

Mayor Greg Hagy