



AN ALLETE COMPANY

March 25, 2025

Attn: Hermantown City Council Members  
505 Maple Grove Rd  
Hermantown, MN 55811

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support for the rezoning of land in the City of Hermantown. The proposed changes in Agenda item 5D: SW Quadrant Zoning Map Amendment heard before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 18, 2025, aligns with Minnesota Power's business needs to provide reliable electricity to our customers.

On behalf of ALLETE and Minnesota Power, we are writing to express our support for the proposed rezoning of 14 parcels totaling 328-acres located in the SW quadrant of Morris Thomas Road and Midway Road and including parcels 395- 0010-08985, 395-0010-09040, 395-0010-09015, 395-0010-09055, 395-0010-09015, 395-0010- 09170, 395-0010-09180, 395-0010-09182, 395-0010-09200, 395-0010-09202, 395-0010-09207, 395-0010-09210, 395-0010-09215 and 395-0010-09220. The parcels are currently zoned S-1, Suburban with a proposed rezoning to BLM, Business and Light Manufacturing.

The rezoning from S-1, Suburban to BLM, Business and Light Manufacturing aligns with the existing use and character of Minnesota Power's Arrowhead Substation and associated electric transmission infrastructure. The envisioned goals of the City of Hermantown's comprehensive plan update are compatible with the existing use of these parcels.

We appreciate your consideration of the request and encourage approval of the proposed zoning change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCourtney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel McCourtney  
Manager - Strategic Environmental Initiatives  
ALLETE/Minnesota Power