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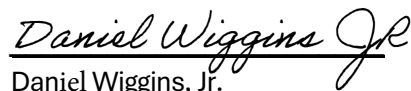
Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power and American Transmission Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead 345 kV Transmission Project*

Dear Executive Secretary Bergman:

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) offers this filing supplementing staff briefing papers in the above-captioned dockets with one decision option supported in the record. Although MTERA always seeks to represent consensus perspectives on any given issue, it is important to note that not all member Tribes agree upon the views expressed by MTERA. Further, it is also important to understand that interactions with MTERA do not substitute for Nation-to-Nation consultation, which can only be achieved through direct communications between the federal government and Tribal Nations.

### **2.1 Community Benefits Decision Option**

MTERA supports CURE's filing to include in the modifications to the Draft Route Permit a special permit requirement for the Applicants to lay out a community benefits planning process within 30 days of the Commission's Order, and to file a community benefit plan within 180 days of the final route permit issuance. Such a plan and agreement will not be designated trade secret in any part, and must be written so that the public can ascertain and understand all benefits that accrue to them under the plan are nonrecoverable from ratepayers.



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Hello,

Please file the attached comment to dockets CN-25-111 and TL-25-112 by tomorrow, if possible.

Thanks!

Emily

**Emily Johnson**

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Hello Ms. Maxon and Ms. Johnson:

Please find the attached comment letter from MTERA's Executive Director Daniel

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Thank you for including MTERA's comments into the docket.

Andy

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