

August 5, 2021

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: **Letter from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
(Department)**
Docket No. E015/M-21-199

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

On April 1, 2021, Minnesota Power (the Company) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2020 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Consolidated Filing (*Petition*). On April 26, 2021, the Department filed Comments asking the Company to provide further information on charges in its 2020 CIP tracker, specifically those labeled “Carrying Charges Recovered,” and “Adjustment for Exempt Conservation Cost Recovery Charge Revenue Collection.” The Department recommended approval of the *Petition*, contingent upon the Department finding the charges reasonable. On May 12, 2021, Minnesota Power provided the requested information. The Department has reviewed the information and found it to be reasonable. The Department will continue to communicate with the Company about the best way to report revenues from the Conservation Cost Recovery Charge in future CIP trackers, but does not have any concerns about the current filing.

The Department recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission **approve Minnesota Power’s *Petition***. The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ DANIELLE D. WINNER
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