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VIA E-FILING

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Petition for Approval
of Modifications to Large Power Tariff
Docket No. E015/M-26-126
PETITION WITHDRAWAL

Dear Ms. Bergman:

Minnesota Power (or, the “Company”) respectfully requests that the Minnesota Public Utilities’ Commission (“MPUC” or “Commission”) approve the withdrawal, without prejudice, of its Very Large Customer Class Petition (“Petition”) as filed on February 18, 2026 in the instant docket. In its Petition, Minnesota Power requested MPUC approval for the Company’s proposal to accommodate very large customers within its existing Large Power (“LP”) Customer Class and associated Service Tariff.

Minnesota Power continues to believe its longstanding experience serving large industrial and other large-load customers provides a strong foundation for serving new very large customers, and the Petition was based on the principle that similarly situated large power customers should be treated consistently under the Company’s LP service framework. However, given the lack of support in the record for the Company’s proposed approach, the Company believes it is prudent to withdraw its Petition and resubmit a new petition with a proposal to create a new Very Large Power Customer Class, and associated Service Tariff. Minnesota Power anticipates that its new petition will be filed by mid-summer, 2026.

Withdrawal of this Petition should not delay the Commission’s consideration of the pending Google Electric Service Agreement (“ESA”) proceeding in MPUC Docket No. E015/M-26-159, as suggested by some parties in Initial Comments. The Google ESA docket presents a customer-specific agreement and record focused on the terms, protections, and obligations applicable to that customer, including minimum billing commitments, termination protections, security provisions, and resource-related obligations. Those issues can continue to be evaluated on their own merits while broader questions regarding customer class structure and tariff design proceed separately.

Minnesota Power further reiterates that bringing new very large power customers onto its system can provide meaningful benefits for other customers and the region. As described in the Google ESA petition and in addition to the significant economic development opportunities new very large power customers can bring, these arrangements can support additional renewable generation and related infrastructure, include customer-backed protections against stranded costs, and provide direct support for energy affordability and efficiency programs benefiting low- and moderate-income residential customers. More broadly, large, continuous loads can improve system efficiency and support reliability when paired with appropriate contractual protections and help moderate future rate increases as the Company continues its transition toward carbon-free electricity for Minnesota customers. The Company therefore underscores the importance of timely evaluation of the Google ESA petition to meet this historic moment in Northern Minnesota.

Minnesota Power recognizes the Commission's need to determine the appropriate characteristics of a very large customer class or subclass by December 15, 2026, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes §216B.1622, Subd. 1. If helpful to the Commission, the Company would support bifurcating further consideration of these issues into two proceedings: one addressing customer class or subclass characteristics, and another addressing the tariff requirements applicable to that class, as discussed by the Citizens Utility Board ("CUB") in their Initial Comments. The Company will restate its support for this approach, if helpful for parties and the Commission, in its new petition upon filing.

Finally, Minnesota Power remains fully committed to complying with Minnesota Statutes §216B.1622 governing service to very large customers. The Company appreciates the importance of this new framework and intends to continue working constructively with the Commission and interested parties to support its implementation.

Please contact me at (218) 355-3297 or jkuklenski@mnpower.com with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,



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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE VIA
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I, Tiana C. Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, hereby certify that on the 19th day of May, 2026, I electronically filed a true and correct copy of Minnesota Power’s Petition Withdrawal in **Docket No. E015/M-26-126** on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The persons on eDocket’s Official Service List for this Docket were served as requested.



Tiana C. Heger