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Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E., Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2021-2035 Integrated Resource Plan et al.
MPUC Docket Nos. E-015/RP-21-33, E-002/RP-19-368, and E-017/RP-21-339**

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) and Vote Solar sincerely appreciate the robust response to the joint petition regarding modeling software costs, and particularly the significant interest in the issues of substance raised by the Department of Commerce, Xcel Energy, and other commenters.

We support the proposed approach of the Citizens Utility Board, to consider this petition in its own docket with the aim of a final order prior to January 1, 2023, and believe that proposal would provide the right approach to record development and sufficient time to address the questions raised by commenters. We are confident that most of the the concerns and issues raised by commenters can be resolved through further clarification or compromise while still achieving the goal of expanding the scope and quality of stakeholder participation in resource planning.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with the Commission, the utilities and other stakeholders.

Sincerely,

/s/

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