

August 31, 2023

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Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Request for Specialized Technical Professional Investigative Services from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department)

Docket No. E999/CI-17-879

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

A number of electric vehicle (EV) dockets continue to be open at the Commission, and it is anticipated that utilities will continue to make future EV filings.

Due to the anticipated work and the technical nature of this work, the Department requests that the Commission authorize the Department to incur additional costs for specialized technical professional investigative services under Minn. Stat. §216B.62 subd. 8. Specifically, the Department requests that the following language be included in a Commission Order:

The Commission requests that the Commissioner of Commerce seek authority from the Commissioner of Management and Budget to incur costs for specialty services to provide relevant recommendations in upcoming electric vehicle dockets, and subsequently bill those expenses to Xcel Energy, Minnesota Power, and Otter Tail Power pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.62, subd. 8.

The Department has consulted with Xcel Energy, Minnesota Power, and Otter Tail Power, and none of the utilities are opposed to the Department's request.

As the request is unopposed, the Department requests that this request be placed on the Commission's consent calendar.

Sincerely,

LOUISE MILTICH

**Assistant Commissioner** 

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Letter

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Dated this 31st day of August 2023

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