



May 8, 2020

VIA E-FILING

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

**Re: In the Matter of the Department of Commerce Working
Group on Decommissioning of Wind and Solar Facilities
Docket No. E-999/M-17-123
Initial Comments**

Dear Dr. Seuffert:

On April 10, 2020 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued a Notice Comment Period (“Notice”) in Docket No. E-999/M-17-123. In the Notice the Commission provides topics open for comment specific to the Department of Commerce (“Department”) Energy Environmental Review and Analysis’s (“EERA”) filing *Recommendations on Review of Solar and Wind Decommissioning Plans* submitted on March 16, 2020. The recommendations are in response to a report submitted to the Commission on August 31, 2018 by the Department-convened stakeholder Solar and Wind Decommissioning Working Group. Tom Donofrio, Director of Project Development and Reporting for Minnesota Power (or the “Company”) was one of 12 participants in this working group that met between April 2017 and January 2018.

Minnesota Power reviewed the recommendations of the EERA and supports the proposed order and timeline for reviewing open wind and solar dockets, as well as procedures for reviewing decommissioning plans. Additionally, the Company has no additional topics it feels should be addressed in a decommission plan.

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Minnesota Power appreciates the time and effort by all parties on this important issue. Please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or dmoeller@allete.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Moeller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David R. Moeller
*Senior Attorney and
Director of Regulatory Compliance*

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

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ELECTRONIC FILING

Tiana Heger of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 8th day of May, 2020, she served Minnesota Power's Initial Comments in **Docket No. E-999M-17-123** on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The persons on E-Docket's Official Service List for this Docket were served as requested.



Tiana Heger