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Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Utility Service in Minnesota
Docket No. E015/GR-19-442

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for filing is the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Utility Service in Minnesota (“Application”). This Application is being filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 1.

Minnesota Power seeks authority to increase general rates by \$65.9 million, or approximately 10.59 percent over current rates, effective January 1, 2020. If the Commission elects to suspend the proposed rate increase pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3, Minnesota Power requests an interim rate increase of \$47.9 million, or approximately 7.70 percent over current rates, to be effective January 1, 2020 with final rates effective within ten (10) months of the date of the Application. Minnesota Power acknowledges that this period may be extended by 90 days pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2(f).

Minnesota Power’s Application is presented in four volumes as described below:

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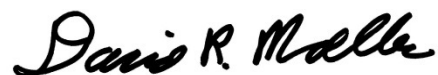
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Please note that certain portions of the enclosed documents and exhibits contain non-public, trade secret information. Relevant pages or documents containing non-public, trade secret information are designated as such. The index of non-public information attached to the Statement Regarding Trade Secret Information contained herein summarizes the documents and exhibits that have been designated as non-public and/or trade secret and the justification for those designations.

Minnesota Power appreciates the Commission's attention to this request, and looks forward to productive discussions with all stakeholders.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (218) 723-3963 or dmoeller@allete.com.

Yours truly,



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Attach.