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The Honorable James Mortenson
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the HVDC Modernization Project in Hermantown, Saint Louis County*
OAH Docket No. 5-2500-39600; MPUC Docket Nos. E015/CN-22-607 and E015/TL-22-611

Dear Judge Mortenson:

Minnesota Power does not object to the intervention petition submitted by the World Organization for Landowners Freedom (“WOLF”). As WOLF states in its petition, it participated in an earlier proceeding before the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board involving Minnesota Power’s application for an exemption from the Power Plant Siting Act for the Arrowhead project, which involved the same ATC¹ 345 kV Arrowhead Substation included in ATC’s alternative request in this proceeding.² Minnesota Power also has no objection to the intervention petitions submitted by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters or the Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (“LiUNA”).³ LiUNA, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49, and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters have all participated in this docket prior to it being ordered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to a contested case proceeding.

By copy of this letter, I am providing service to those listed on the service lists on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. 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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¹ In this letter, ATC refers to American Transmission Company LLC through its corporate manager, ATC Management, Inc.

² Note that, while the ATC 345 kV Arrowhead Substation that is the interconnection point for the 345 kV Arrowhead – Weston transmission line that is the subject of the 800 MVA limited noted by WOLF is owned by ATC, the prior proceeding was sponsored by Minnesota Power for the Minnesota portion of the Arrowhead – Weston Project, as explained in Minnesota Power’s Response filed September 29, 2023 in this proceeding.

³ Minnesota Power notes that LiUNA’s intervention petition was submitted late, but it otherwise has no objection.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINNESOTA POWER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED
FOR THE HVDC MODERNIZATION PROJECT IN
HERMANTOWN, SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

MPUC DOCKET No. E015/CN-22-607

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MINNESOTA POWER FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR
THE HVDC MODERNIZATION PROJECT IN
HERMANTOWN, SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

MPUC DOCKET No. E015/TL-22-611

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Jill N. Yeaman certifies that on the 17th day of January 2024, on behalf of Minnesota Power, she efiled a true and correct copy of **Minnesota Power's Response to W.O.L.F. and Labor Unions Intervention Petitions** via [eDockets](#). Said document is also served via U.S. Mail or email as designated on the attached Service Lists on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the above-referenced dockets.

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