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February 18, 2025

Re: House Energy Finance and Policy Committee, House File 75

Chair Swedzinski and Members of the committee,

On behalf of MN Power, we write in support of House File 75 introduced by Rep. Paul Anderson, a bill which would allow hydropower with a capacity of 100 MW or more built after February 8, 2023 to qualify as an eligible energy technology under the carbon-free statute. We thank the committee for holding today's important discussion about hydropower's use in the state of Minnesota.

Hydropower has always been a uniquely important energy resource for MN Power. In fact, our utility started generating electricity back in 1906 from hydropower harnessed by the St. Louis River near Duluth. Today, we operate the largest hydroelectric system in the state with 11 stations producing more than 120 megawatts of electricity along five rivers in central and northeastern Minnesota. We are thankful to the host communities that provide a home to these important hydropower facilities.

We also have a standing purchase power agreement with Manitoba Hydro where we bring 250 megawatts of carbon-free hydropower to our customers through the Great Northern Transmission Line. Hydropower is a key energy resource as we develop our system towards a carbon-free future while keeping reliability and affordability at the forefront.

Today's bill builds upon this important energy resource which we have been operating and maintaining for more than a century. Our utility planners are working every day to find the best path towards 100% carbon-free by 2040, and this legislation provides another important tool in our toolbox for meeting these requirements.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit comments on House File 75.

Sincerely,

/s/

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