

March 12, 2024

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Minnesota Power Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

I write to affirm that Minnesota Power (MP) supports the State of Minnesota's CPRG Coalition proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization and plans to partner with the City of Duluth to implement the associated equitable residential decarbonization programs.

Minnesota Power anticipates participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means MP will:

- Actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal.
- Share information and resources with the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities.
- Provide input on program development to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute to development and delivery of the proposed work, as makes sense for our organization.

Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc., provides retail electric power to over 150,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers across a 26,000 square mile service territory, which is inclusive of the City of Duluth. Under our *EnergyForward* strategy, we are a clean-energy leader, already delivering over 50% renewable energy ahead of all other Minnesota utilities. Our plan is to grow the renewable energy delivered to our customers to over 70% by 2030 as we strive to deliver on our 100% carbon-free energy vision.

We are excited to support this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization being most effective as a collaboration between many parties including state and local governments, utility providers, community organizations, and more. Minnesota Power has a strong history of partnership with the City of Duluth on energy efficiency and clean energy projects and we are committed to continuing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,



Jennifer J. Cady
Vice President of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs
ALLETE/Minnesota Power