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Mr. Daniel Gunderson
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RE: Case No. PU-26-286
Minnesota Power
HVDC Line Structure 1418 – Cass County
Siting Exclusion Certification

Dear Mr. Gunderson,

Thank you for your July 15, 2026, letter notifying the Commission of Minnesota Power's intent to replace one structure (#1418) on its Center, ND to Hermantown, MN High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) line in Cass County, North Dakota.

This letter is to acknowledge that the Commission has received Minnkota's filing of written certifications under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(4)(a)(1)(c) for the project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Hanson", is positioned above the printed name.

Christopher C Hanson
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