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Minnesota Power statement on Nemadji Trail Energy Center Minnesota Supreme Court Ruling

Today's decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court affirms that Minnesota Power has followed the appropriate regulatory steps for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center, seeking approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for those issues that require Minnesota review. At the same time, regulatory review in Wisconsin has resulted in an extensive record and numerous approvals, including from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. We are continuing to work with our partner, Dairyland Cooperative, on the remaining approvals required in Wisconsin.

Minnesota Power asked the Minnesota Supreme Court to overturn the decision by the Court of Appeals, citing the unprecedented and far-reaching nature of the ruling that could require the application of Minnesota environmental law to projects in other states. A negative decision could have had a stifling effect on the business climate in Minnesota, with implications for all Minnesota companies building or contracting with facilities in other states. We are pleased with the Minnesota Supreme Court's decision.

The Nemadji Trail Energy Center is part of Minnesota Power's EnergyForward plan to reduce carbon by 80% and achieve coal-free operations by 2035. As a reliable and affordable source of lower-carbon energy, natural gas will be needed as a transition fuel as we continue our progress away from coal. NTEC represents substantial local economic benefits for the region in the form of construction jobs and long-term tax base. We will continue to work with our partner Dairyland Power Cooperative on the NTEC plant while continuing toward our goal of a carbon-free future.

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 145,000 customers, 15 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.