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Senator David Senjem, Chair
Senator Nick Frentz, Ranking Minority Lead
Members of the Senate Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee

RE: SENATE OMNIBUS ENERGY AND CLIMATE BILL, SF 4392

Dear Senators:

Minnesota's utilities invest hundreds of millions of dollars every year to keep our electric grid operating regardless of weather, natural disasters, man-made disasters, and unintended consequences. This effort requires the highest level of engineering expertise and close collaboration with state regulators, property owners and our customers. Minnesota utilities have a strong record of success in this undertaking.

We are aware that significant funds flowing from federal infrastructure legislation may become available in Minnesota to help offset the costs of building grid resilience, to help communities be involved in the process and to explore innovative ideas to accomplish these important goals. We encourage the legislature to explore ways to capture the money that may be available while also ensuring active collaboration with utilities, communities, elected representatives and state regulators.

We stand ready to assist the state in pursuing those funds in a responsible way for the benefit of all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

/s/

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