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Minnesota State Senate
Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1150
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Senate File 2460, Intervenor Compensation Bill

Dear Chair Frentz, Senator Xiong, Senator Mathews and members of the committee,

I write today to support continued stakeholder negotiations on SF 2460, a bill to provide compensation from ratepayers of investor-owned utilities to non-profit advocates and Tribal Nations to facilitate greater participation in proceedings involving those utilities at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. While ratepayers of these utilities and taxpayers already fund significant public interest intervention by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, we understand and generally do not oppose what Senator Xiong is working to accomplish through this bill.

However, voices in the Building Trades have raised valid concerns about SF 2460 that have not yet been addressed. We share those concerns, and therefore ask that the bill be laid over and that Senators encourage continued efforts by stakeholders to find common ground on the bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike Bull

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