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

RE: Senate File 2460, Intervenor Compensation Bill

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

CenterPoint Energy values and supports the concepts that SF 2460 (Intervenor Compensation) looks to achieve: adding diverse perspectives and underrepresented groups to proceedings. This legislation aims to do so by providing compensation to non-profit and Tribal Nations participants who materially assist in Minnesota Public Utilities Commission proceedings. This would be in addition to investor-owned utility ratepayers interests being represented by the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Unfortunately, we must raise two areas of concern before we can fully support SF 2460. We request page 6, line 8 change from 'may' to 'shall'. This removes any uncertainty that costs deemed appropriate are fully recoverable to a utility. Additionally, there are many diverse voices this bill looks to incorporate, both in policy formation and implementation. Building Trades have raised concerns on SF 2460 that have not been addressed. We see validity in those concerns and ask for time for conversations between stakeholders to continue.

Sincerely,

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