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Senate ID #25476-12

January 8, 2001

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Secretary of the Senate:

Please find enclosed the Year End federal lobbying report for ALLETE. If you should have any questions please give me a call at: (202) 638-7707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Libro".

William J. Libro
Manager, Federal Affairs

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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <u>Minnesota Power</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>30 West Superior Street</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: <u>Duluth</u> State/Zip (or Country) <u>MN 55802</u>			
4. Contact Name <u>William Libro</u>	Telephone <u>202-638-7707</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>BLIBRO@MNPowe</u> <u>.com</u>	5. Senate ID # <u>25476-12</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID # <u>3286500</u>

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> = \$ _____ <small>income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = \$ <u>80,000</u> <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title William J. Libro

Registrant Name Minnesota Power Client Name SELF

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code CAW (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Clean Air legislation - focus on coal as a boiler fuel
- Water Quality legislation: Electric utility and water utility focus,

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>William Libro</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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Printed Name and Title William J. Libro Manager, Federal Affairs

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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Support Health Care reform that gives patients additional rights - but - not the right to sue their health care provider or employer.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House
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<u>William Libro</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code RER (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Support legislation that promotes competition in the railroad industry.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Support equitable tax treatment of all electricity providers.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

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15. General issue area code TRD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Support Fair trade legislation - specifically as it affects the iron & steel industry

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

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15. General issue area code UTI (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Support utility restructuring legislation which gives customers choice of their electric provider

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