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Greetings,

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Yes, Fantastic, and Wow - Lutsen Mtn Ski Area Expansion is a major game winner. Lutsen has always been a major draw of MN for many decades. This will provide recreational opportunities year round - downhill skiing, cross country skiing, hiking, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. We brought the Moundsview High School ski team to Lutsen multiple times from 1992 to 2000. As a retired economist, this project will provide great economic benefits to northeastern MN as well as economic and demographic growth to a region that needs some positive economic stimulus. If you want some regional input/output modelling analysis or econometric analysis for this project, please let me know. My work experience includes over three decades of load forecasting, load research, economic outlooks, energy price forecasting (including futures with crude falling precipitiously yesterday and the day before finally), certificates of need, rate cases, regulatory filing (Federal, State, and local), etc.

2000-2009 Allete (Minnesota Power) Duluth, MN

1992-2000 Centerpoint Energy (Minnegasco) Minneapolis, MN

1983-1992 Mid American Energy (Midwest Energy, Iowa Public Service) Sioux City, IA

1979-1983 Nebraska Public Power District Columbus, NE

Thank you