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August 17, 2017

Mr. Daniel Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Response Comments Annual Compliance Submission of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, A Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., for its Gas Affordability Service Program; MPUC Docket No. G-008/M-17-245

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On March 31, 2017 CenterPoint Energy ("the Company") submitted its annual Gas Affordability Program 2016 Compliance Report ("2016 Report"). On June 26, 2017, the Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Department") filed its Comments and recommended the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") accept CenterPoint Energy's 2016 Report, contingent on the Company providing or identifying certain information in Reply Comments. The Company provided additional detail and information in Reply Comments on July 7, 2017.

On August 7, 2017, the Department filed Reply Comments, stating the Company had complied with all reporting requirements, and recommending the Commission accept the 2016 annual report.

In addition, the Department stated in its August 7, 2017 Reply Comments that additional information regarding GAP coordination with other available low-income and conservation resources may be helpful. The Company provides a discussion of these activities in Section 22 of the annual report. However, the Company can provide additional information in next year's annual compliance report and will discuss with the Department what additional detail should be provided.

The Company appreciates the Department's review and analysis and agrees with the Department's recommendation to accept CenterPoint Energy's GAP Report submitted in Docket No. G-008/M-17-245. Therefore, CenterPoint Energy respectfully requests the Commission accept its Gas Affordability Program 2016 Annual Compliance Report.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact me at (612) 321-4905.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/</u>

Shari Grams Regulatory Analyst

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STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ) ss. COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

Shari Grams, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says she served the attached compliance filing of CenterPoint Energy in Docket No. G-008/M-17-245 via e-filing to the Minnesota PUC, as well as those requesting electronic service on the service list and to all others on the service list via U.S. Mail at the City of Minneapolis.

<u>/s/</u> Shari Grams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $17^{th}$  day of <u>August</u>, 2017.

/s/

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