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—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Dr. Burl Haar
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121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
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RE: COMMENTS
DECOMMISSIONING POLICIES RELATED TO DEPRECIATION
DOCKET NO. E, G-999/CI-13-626

Dear Dr. Haar:

CenterPoint Energy submits the following response to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's request for information issued in its March 6, 2014 Notice regarding Decommissioning Policies Related to Depreciation in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-13-626.

As a natural gas utility that does not have large power generating plants, CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas does not have a decommissioning policy, and does not use decommissioning probabilities. Plant lives and salvage rates along with the resulting depreciation rates by plant account are determined for CenterPoint Energy by a Depreciation Study as approved by the Commission every five years. Plant lives and salvage rates are determined based on the actual addition and retirement activity of individual asset accounts over the entire history of the asset.

The Company's most recent depreciation study was approved in the order dated November 6, 2009 in Docket No. G-008/D-09-832. CenterPoint Energy shall file its next five-year study by July 15, 2014.

By copy of this correspondence all parties have been served. Please contact Pam Thomas at pamela.thomas@centerpointenergy.com or 612.321.5140 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Pamela Thomas
Regulatory Financial Analyst

Enclosures
cc: Service List – Docket No. E, G-999/CI-13-626

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Pamela Thomas, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says she served the attached Comments by CenterPoint Energy to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by having the document delivered by electronic filing or by placing in the U.S. Mail at the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

/s/ _____
Pamela Thomas
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 7th day of April, 2014

/s/ Linda Baumann _____
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My Commission Expires on January 31, 2015.

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