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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Re: In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of Farm Tap Customer-Owned Fuel Line Replacement Plan, Tariff Amendments, and Deferred Accounting

Docket No. G011/M-17-409

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

On December 30, 2019, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (“MERC”) filed its “Report on Farm Tap Planning and Design Phase and Procedural Proposal.” This report was submitted in accordance with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s November 30, 2017, Order Approving Phase 1 of Farm Tap Replacement Project with Conditions.

On January 30, 2020, MERC received the enclosed letter from the Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors of America in support of the filing. MERC submits the attached letter be incorporated into the record in the above-reference docket.

Please contact me at (414) 221-2374 if you have any questions regarding the information in this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary L. Wolter

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Enclosure
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Farm Taps

On May 19, 2017, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) filed a petition for 'Approval of Farm Tap Customer-Owned Fuel Replacement Plan, Tariff Amendments and Deferred Accounting'. Docket Number G011/M-17-409. This was Phase I of the proposal. This was presented to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for approval to conduct a study on Farm Tap replacement, estimated costs, and how these costs would be allocated to MERC customers. Phase I was approved on November 30, 2017.

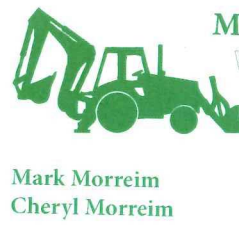
Now, on December 30, 2019, MERC submitted Phase II proposal to the MPUC for approval. This is the plan detailing how the Farm Taps will be handled. There are various scenarios in this plan. Some of the options include replacement, integrity verification, disconnection, alternative replacement and abandonment. With all cases, legal documents will need to be drawn up and signed in order for MERC to take over responsibility of the utility, and it will be added to the GSOC system for location.

There will also be public hearings set up across the state to voice opinions on this. Participation in the hearings is encouraged.

This has been a safety topic of great concern with many people for many years as Farm Taps were private utilities and were not located for excavators. Don Loken has been at the forefront of this and has pushed very hard at local, state and even national levels. MnLICA emphatically thanks Don for his efforts in addressing this issue. MnLICA also applauds MERC for recognizing the safety issue of unmarked natural gas lines and taking steps to remedy it. We thank you both and truly hope this long overdue solution will make a safer environment for everyone.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Colleen T. Sipiorski, hereby certify that on the 20th day of March, 2020, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the enclosed Letter of Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors of America on www.edockets.state.mn.us. Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Colleen T. Sipiorski
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