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November 7, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of Proposed Winter Construction Charges

Docket No. G011/M-18-589

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On November 7, 2018, the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the "Department") submitted Comments in the above-referenced docket addressing Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's ("MERC's" or the "Company's") Petition for Approval of Proposed Winter Construction Charges. In particular, the Department recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"):

1. Approve the Company's Petition with a minor modification to move the sentence "Frost charges for bell holes will be paid per the perimeter footage of the bell hole (one bell hole per service)" to the paragraph concerning frost charges in MERC's tariffs;
2. Approve an effective date of "upon Commission Approval," with the caveat that MERC update its tariff sheet with the appropriate date; and
3. Require MERC to file, as a compliance filing within 10 days of the Commission's final Order in this docket, final tariff sheets that comply with the Commission's determinations in this proceeding.

MERC thanks the Department for its review and is in agreement with the Department's recommendations, as reflected in its November 7, 2018, Comments. MERC respectfully request that the Commission take the action as recommended in the Department's Comments.

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Finally, please note that Amber Lee, who was listed as the utility employee responsible for the Petition filed in this docket, has left MERC. Please contact me at (920) 433-2926 if you have any questions regarding the information in this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seth DeMerritt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the last name.

Seth DeMerritt  
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cc: Service List

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota  
Energy Resources Corporation for  
Approval of Proposed Winter Construction  
Charges

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristin M. Stastny, hereby certify that on the 7th day of November, 2018, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the enclosed Reply Comments on [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://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 7th day of November, 2018.

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