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

RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. E017/M-17-246

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Attached are the Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) in the following matter:

A Request by Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) of the Company's Annual Filing of the Demand Side Management Financial Incentive Project and Annual Filing to Update the Conservation Improvement Project Rider (*Petition*).

The Petition was filed on March 31, 2017 by:

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The Department recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) **approve** OTP's *Petition* with one adjustment to the billing variances requested as discussed in the attached *Comments*. The Department is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ DANIELLE WINNER Rates Analyst

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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMENTS OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF ENERGY RESOURCES

DOCKET No. E017/M-17-246

I. SUMMARY OF THE UTILITY'S PROPOSAL

On March 31, 2017, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail, OTP or the Company) submitted its annual Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) filing (*Petition*) for 2016 with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Docket No. E017/M-17-246. The *Petition* contains the following sections:

- a request for approval of a Demand Side Management (DSM) financial incentive of \$5,031,678;
- proposed recoveries and expenditures in the Company's CIP tracker account during 2016 resulting in a year-end 2016 balance of \$4,835,852;
- a 2017/2018 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) of \$0.00754 per kWh for bills rendered on and after October 1, 2017; and
- a request for a variance to Minnesota Rule 7820.3500 to allow Otter Tail to continue to combine the Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA) with the Conservation Improvement Adjustment on customer bills.

The filing also contains the Company's 2016 CIP Status Report (Status Report). The Status Report is intended to fulfill the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources' (Department) annual CIP reporting rules contained in Minnesota Rules part 7690.0550. Since the Company's Status Report does not require Commission approval, this portion of the Petition has been assigned to a separate docket.1

¹ See Docket No. E017/CIP-13-277.03.

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II. COMMISSION'S 2016 ORDER

On July 19, 2016, in Docket No. E017/M-16-278, the Commission approved Otter Tail's 2015 CCRA and 2015 DSM Financial Incentive. The Commission's Order:

- 1. Approved OTP's 2015 CIP tracker account, resulting in a December 31, 2015 tracker balance of \$4,333,061.
- 2. Approved an incentive of \$4,257,105 for OTP's 2015 CIP achievements.
- 3. Approved a CCRA of \$0.00275/kWh with an effective date of October 1, 2016.
- 4. Granted OTP a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K) and a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600 for one year after the issue date of that Order.
- Required OTP to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of that Order, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter.

The Company submitted a compliance filing on July 28, 2016 to fulfill the Commission's Order.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department provides its analysis of Otter Tail's *Petition* below in the following sections:

- in Section III.A, Otter Tail's proposed 2016 DSM financial incentive;
- in Section III.B, Otter Tail's proposed reconciliation for the 2016 CIP Tracker Account;
- in Section III.C, Otter Tail's proposed CCRA for 2017/2018;
- in Section III.D, OTP's request for a waiver from Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (E) and (K); and
- in Section III.E, Otter Tail's historical CIP achievements and incentives.

A. OTTER TAIL'S PPOPOSED FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR 2016

1. Background and Summary of Otter Tail's Proposed 2016 DSM Incentive

The Shared Savings DSM financial incentive plan was approved by the Commission in Docket No. E,G999/CI-08-133 on January 27, 2010. On December 20, 2012 the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Modifications* to *Shared Savings Demand Side Management Financial Incentives* (Modification Order). The Shared Savings approach emphasizes a 1.5 percent energy savings goal, and ties the incentive earned by the utility to pursuit of the 1.5 percent savings goal. The incentive mechanism sets a specific dollar

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amount per unit of energy saved that each utility will earn at energy savings equal to 1.5 percent of annual non-CIP-exempt retail sales. That dollar amount is referred to as the incentive calibration. The higher the calibration, the higher the incentive will be at all energy savings levels after the threshold. Specifically, each electric utility's incentive is calibrated so that when the utility achieves energy savings equal to 1.5 percent of retail sales, electric utilities will earn an incentive equal to \$0.07 per kWh saved and gas utilities will earn \$9 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) saved. The Commission's Modification Order stated, in part:

The Commission hereby adopts the Department's proposal for the continuation of the new shared savings financial incentive with the following:

- A. A threshold set at half of the utility's average achievements from 2007 to 2011 for utilities with triennial CIPs beginning in 2013, removing both the maximum and minimum achievements, or at 0.4 percent of retail sales, whichever is lowest. For utilities with triennial Conservation Improvement Programs beginning in 2014, the threshold shall be set at half of the utility's average achievements from 2008 to 2012, removing both the maximum and minimum achievements, or at 0.4 percent of retail sales, whichever is lowest.
- B. The calibration at 1.5 percent of retail sales for each utility set as follows: (1) \$9.00 per Mcf for natural gas utilities, and (2) \$0.07 per kWh for electric utilities.
- C. A utility may not modify its incentive to correct for non-linear benefits.
- D. The incentive shall be capped at 20 percent of net benefits for all utilities except for Minnesota Power. The Commission will defer a decision on the application of the 20 percent cap of net benefits for Minnesota Power until 2013 to allow for the consideration of updated avoided cost information for this utility.
- E. The existing cap of 125 percent of a utility's 1.5 percent calibration level for the electric utilities (\$0.0875 per kWh) and a cap of 125 percent of the 1.0 percent target calibration for gas utilities (\$6.875) per Mcf are continued.
- F. The percentage of net benefits to be awarded to each utility at different energy savings levels will be set at the beginning of each year.
- G. The CIP-Exempt Class shall not be allocated costs for the new shared savings incentive. Sales to the CIP-Exempt Class shall not be included in the calculation of utility energy savings goals.

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- H. If a utility elects not to include a third-party CIP project, the utility cannot change its election until the beginning of subsequent years.
- I. If a utility elects to include a third-party project, the project's net benefits and savings will be included in calculation of the percentage of net benefits awarded at specific energy savings levels (calculated before the CIP year begins) and in the post CIP year calculations of net benefits and energy savings achieved and incentive awarded. In any case, the energy savings will count toward the 1.5 percent savings goal.
- J. The energy savings, costs, and benefits of modifications to non-third-party projects will be included in the calculation of a utility's DSM incentive, but will not change the percent of net benefits awarded at different energy savings levels.
- K. The costs of any mandated, non-third-party projects (e.g., Next Generation Energy Act assessment, University of Minnesota Institute for Renewable Energy and the Environment costs) shall be excluded from the calculation of net benefits awarded at specific energy savings levels (calculated before the CIP year begins) and in the post-CIP year calculations of net benefits and energy savings achieved and incentive awarded.
- L. Costs, energy savings, and energy production from Electric Utility Infrastructure Projects (EUIC), solar installation and biomethane purchases shall not be included in energy savings for DSM financial incentive purposes.
- M. The Department shall file a recommendation with the Commission on the application of a net benefits cap for Minnesota Power's incentive by October 1, 2013. The recommendation should be filed in Docket No. E,G-999/Cl-08-133.
- N. No adjustment will be made at this time to the calibration of the incentive mechanism for utilities that have Commissionapproved decoupling mechanisms.
- O. The new shared savings DSM incentive shall be in operation for the length of each utility's triennial CIP plan.

Otter Tail estimated that its 2016 achievements resulted in \$49,918,210 of net benefits.² Otter Tail also stated in its *Petition* that its CIP activities achieved energy savings in 2016 of 57,504,891 kWh, which is approximately 2.75 percent of Otter Tail's 3-year average weather

² Net benefits amount excludes Next Generation Energy Act assessments and OTP's Publicly-Owned Property Solar Program.

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normalized, non-CIP-exempt retail sales of 2,091,441,263 kWh.3 Based on the terms and conditions of its approved DSM incentive plan, Otter Tail requested recovery of a DSM financial incentive of \$5,031,678 for 2016, which is approximately 65 percent (\$5,031,678/\$7,770,781) of the Company's 2016 CIP actual expenditures.

2. The Department's Review of Otter Tail's Proposed 2016 DSM Incentive

Otter Tail calculated that its 2016 performance results in a Shared Savings DSM financial incentive of \$5,031,678.

The Department's engineering-oriented analysis of the demand and energy savings that underpin Otter Tail's proposed 2016 DSM financial incentive is ongoing. This analysis will not be completed before the instant *Comments* are due. The existence of this lag between the Company's request for recovery of the incentive and the completion of the DOC's engineering review is a recurring phenomenon.

In 2016, as in previous years, the Department compensated for this lag by simply assuming OTP's claimed energy savings for 2015 were correct as filed and planned to make in the instant filing any adjustments approved by the Deputy Commissioner of the Department. However, the Deputy Commissioner approved Otter Tail's 2016 Status Report, covering 2015 CIP activity, without any adjustments in Docket No. E017/CIP-13-277.02, and thus none need to be made this year.4

In the event that the Deputy Commissioner of the Department approves a different 2016 CIP energy savings or budget, the Commission can approve any adjustments to the Company's DSM financial incentive for 2016 achievements as part of the Company's 2017 filing, which will be made April 2, 2018.

B. OTTER TAIL'S PROPOSED 2016 CIP TRACKER ACCOUNT

In its *Petition*, Otter Tail requested approval of its report on recoveries and expenditures included in the Company's CIP tracker account balance during 2016. Activity in Otter Tail's CIP tracker account during 2016 is summarized below in Table 1.

³ Savings amount excludes Made in Minnesota Program and allocated savings from OTP's Publicly-Owned Property Solar Program.

⁴ Department Staff initially recommended reducing the Company's 2015 savings from the Made in Minnesota Program by 4,175 kWh, but the Deputy Commissioner's final Decision allowed those savings, noting that Department Staff had incorrectly assumed that savings should be counted at the generator rather than at the meter.

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Table 1: A Summary of OTP's 2016 CIP Tracker Account

Description	Time Period	Amount
Beginning Balance	December 31, 2015	\$4,333,061
CIP Expenses	January 1 through December 31, 2016	\$ 7,770,781
DSM Financial Incentive	Approved in 2016 for 2015	\$4,257,105
Carrying Charges	January 1 through December 31, 2016	\$26,368
CCRC Recovery (in base rates)	January 1 through December 31, 2016	(\$4,327,443)
CCRA Recovery	January 1 through December 31, 2016	(\$7,224,020)
Ending Balance	December 31, 2016	\$4,835,852

The Department reviewed Otter Tail's CIP Tracker account and concludes that the Company correctly calculated its CIP tracker account for 2016. The Department recommends that the Commission approve Otter Tail's 2016 CIP Tracker account as summarized in Table 1.

C. OTTER TAIL'S PROPOSED UPDATED CIP RIDER AND CCRA

OTP's approved CCRA (CIP adjustment rate) is \$0.00275 per kWh, as approved by the Commission on July 19, 2016 in Docket No. E017/M-16-278. For October 2017 through September 2018, Otter Tail proposed an increase in the surcharge to \$0.00754/kWh or an increase of approximately 174 percent from the Company's current surcharge.

Otter Tail's proposal is projected to reduce the Company's projected under-recovered CIP tracker balance from \$7,932,748 on October 1, 2017 to (\$4,845) by September 30, 2018. OTP estimated that this rate increase will increase an average residential customer's bill by \$3.85/month. The Company estimated that the carrying costs associated with this proposal for the October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 time period would be equal to \$29,446. Table 2 below delineates the Company's estimate.

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Table 2: OTP's Forecasted 2017-2018 CIP Tracker Account

Line No.	Description	Time Period	Amount
1.	Beginning Balance	October 1, 2017	\$7,932,748
2.	CIP Program Expenses	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	\$7,537,653
3.	CIP Incentive	Forecasted 2017 incentive that would be approved in 20185	\$1,955,200
4.	Carrying Charges	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	\$29,446
5.	CIP Expenses Subtotal (Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3 + Line 4)	As of September 30, 2017	\$17,455,047
6.	Conservation Cost Recovery Charge -Included in Base Rates	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	(\$3,985,216)
7.	CCRA	October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	(\$13,474,676)
8.	CIP Revenues Subtotal (Line 6 + Line 7)	As of September 30, 2018	(\$17,459,892)
9.	Ending Balance (Line 8 - Line 5)	As of September 30, 2018	(\$4,845)

The Company noted that the significant increase from the current CCRA to the proposed CCRA is due largely to the fact that two of the Company's large customers, Enbridge Energy, LP and Denco II, LLC, recently became CIP-exempt. Their exemptions became effective for retail revenues attributable to their facilities beginning January 1, 2017. Therefore, the CIP revenues received for the January 2017 – October 2017 period are expected to be much lower than what were originally projected by the Company in last year's CCRA filing. As a result, the projected September 30, 2017 tracker balance is much higher, and therefore Otter Tail requires a larger CCRA to bring the tracker balance back to close to zero. The Company projected that this higher rate will be temporary, and, assuming the proposed CCRA of \$0.00754/kWh is implemented, expects to propose a lower CCRA of \$0.00307/kWh in next year's filing.6

The Department has verified with the Company that CIP-exemption requests of this magnitude and impact are unlikely to happen again; this is because customers who could potentially qualify for CIP exemptions in the future comprise a much smaller percentage of the Company's retail sales. Additionally, the Company is unaware of any customers planning to apply for CIP-exempt status at this time. Therefore, the Department notes that this type of large increase in the CCRA due to CIP exemptions is unlikely to be commonplace, and so can reasonably be considered a one-time occurrence.

⁵ This forecasted incentive for 2017 CIP achievements represents the first year in which the revised financial incentive mechanism will be in place, as approved in the Commission's August 5, 2016 Order in Docket No. E,G999/CI-08-133. This financial incentive for 2017 CIP achievements should not be confused with OTP's proposed incentive of \$5,031,678 for 2016 CIP achievements that Otter Tail proposed in its *Petition*. ⁶ This estimate was provided to the Department in an email from the Company.

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The Department notes that, in terms of recovery through the proposed CCRA, the high projected tracker balance is somewhat offset by the Company's projected 2018 Financial Incentive for CIP activities in 2017. In Docket No. E,G999/CI-08-133, the Commission approved a new Financial Incentive mechanism to become effective for 2017 CIP activities. Using the new methodology, the Company projected its financial incentive to be around \$2 million, or less than half of the currently proposed incentive for CIP activities in 2016. Based on the Company assumptions of the energy savings, expenditures, and net benefits resulting from OTP's 2017 CIP achievements, Otter Tail's projected 2017 Shared Savings incentive award appears reasonable.

However, the Department also notes that the Company's estimated carrying charges for the October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018 period are too low. This is because, per the Commission's Order on last year's CIP Tracker Filing, the Company has continued to set carrying charges equal to the 0.79 percent short term cost of debt approved in the Company's 2010 rate case, Docket No. E017/GR-10-239. However, the Commission will now likely approve a new short term cost of debt rate of 2.55% in the Company's 2016 Rate Case, Docket No. E017/GR-15-1033. Therefore, it is appropriate for Otter Tail to set the carrying charge rate at the Company's new short term cost of debt, beginning in the month that the Commission's final Order on the current rate case is issued. This change will have the effect of increasing the projected unrecovered tracker balance, and thus, will likely result in an even greater increase in the CCRA. Therefore, the Department concludes that the proposed CCRA may be slightly too low.

Therefore, the Department recommends that the Company update the carrying charge rate applied in its tracker to the new short term cost of debt rate in the month the Commission issues the rate case Order, and submit a filing in the instant docket with the updated carrying charge, projected tracker balance, and CCRA.

D. OTP'S ANNUAL REQUEST FOR VARIANCES FROM COMMISSION RULES

Otter Tail requested two rule variances:

- a variance from Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (E), which requires bill itemization of all charges incurred at each level of customer usage; and
- a variance from Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K), which requires the fuel clause adjustment to be listed on customers' bills as a separate line item.

⁷ The Department notes that the currently approved short term cost of debt of 0.79 percent should be applied to all of the months before the Commission's Final Order in the 2015 Rate Case is issued. This practice was affirmed in Docket No. G008/M-16-366, in which the Commission ordered CenterPoint Energy to use its approved short term cost of debt throughout the interim rate period, and only implement the newly approved short term cost of debt rate beginning with the effective date of final rates.

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OTP requested a variance of these two rules so that the Company may combine the FCA and CIP adjustment rate on one bill line-item called a "Resource Adjustment."

OTP stated that "as in prior years, Otter Tail is requesting a variance to Minnesota Rule 7820.3500 (E & K), which require that the Fuel Clause Adjustment ("FCA") be stated as a separate line item on customer bills. The requested variance would allow the Company to continue to combine the FCA with the CCRA on customer bills."8

The Department notes that in prior Orders for Otter Tail's CCRA and DSM Financial Incentive filings,9 OTP has requested and the Commission has granted variances to Minnesota Rules 7820.3500 (K) and 7825.2600, but not Minnesota Rules 7820.3500 (E), which requires "a complete itemization of all charges incurred at each level of customer usage." Given that the prior Orders have been sufficient to combine the FCA and CIP adjustment as a "Resource Adjustment" on the billing form, the Department recommends that the Commission instead approve the following variances:

- a variance from Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K), which requires the fuel clause adjustment to be listed on customers' bills as a separate line item; and
- a variance from Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600, which states that the FCA should be stated on a per-kWh basis on customer bills.

Minnesota Rules part 7829.3200 authorizes the Commission to grant a variance to its rules when:

- enforcement of the rule would impose an excessive burden upon the applicant or others affected by the rule;
- granting the variance would not adversely affect the public interest; and
- granting the variance would not conflict with standards imposed by law.

With respect to the first rule requirement, Otter Tail stated that the Company has been combining its FCA and CIP Rider as a Resource Adjustment line item on customers' bills since July 1995, and that customers have become familiar with the single-line item on their bills. With respect to the second rule requirement, Otter Tail stated that continuation of the variances would not adversely affect the public interest and may avoid customer confusion if the presentation of customers' bills were altered at this time. With respect to the third rule requirement, Otter Tail stated that there are no statutory provisions that would prohibit the Commission from granting the variance.

⁸ Petition pg. 4.

⁹ E017/M-14-201, E017/M-15-279, E017/M-16-278.

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Based on its review of the Company's rationale for the proposed variances, the Department concludes that Otter Tail has met the conditions set forth in Minnesota Rules part 7829.3200 for the Commission to grant the requested variances. Thus, the Department recommends that the Commission grant Otter Tail's proposed variances to Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K) and Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600 for one year after issue date of the Commission's *Order* in the present docket.

E. HISTORY OF OTTER TAIL'S CIP ACHIEVEMENTS AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

The Department has included a summary of historical and forecasted CIP-related information for Otter Tail in Attachment A. The information in Attachment A provides summary information for the period from 2007 through 2016. In addition, the Department developed Table 3 below, reproduced from OTP's Petition that summarizes the Company's DSM financial incentives, CIP expenditures, reported energy savings, and first year average cost per kWh saved between 2012 and 2016.

As indicated in Table 3, Otter Tail's 2016 energy savings have risen significantly since 2015. Otter Tail's 2016 average cost per kWh saved has risen slightly since 2015, but is lower than the Company's average cost per kWh in 2012.

Table 3: Selected Summary Statistics for OTP's CIP Program (2012-2016)

Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
DSM Financial Incentive	\$2,681,575	\$4,026,600	\$2,957,972	\$4,257,105	\$5,031,678
CIP Expenditures	\$4,816,994	\$5,259,625	\$5,188,931	\$6,105,445	\$7,770,781
Achieved Energy Savings (kWh)	30,793,654	35,792,002	33,805,392	48,652,628	57,504,891
Average Cost per kWh Saved	\$0.16	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.14

The information included in Attachment A and Table 3 demonstrate that Otter Tail's CIP efforts have been very successful to date.

IV. THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends that the Company update its carrying charge rate applied in its CIP tracker to the new approved short term cost of debt rate beginning the month of the Commission's final Order in Docket No. E017/GR-15-1033, and submit a compliance filing in the instant docket with the updated carrying charge, projected tracker balance, and CCRA

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within 20 days of the Commission's rate case Order. The Department will provide comments at that time should the change in the short term cost of debt rate appear to warrant a revised CCRA.

At this time, and based on the analysis provided above, the Department recommends that the Commission:

- 1. approve Otter Tail's 2016 CIP tracker account, as summarized in Table 1 above, resulting in a December 31, 2016 tracker balance of \$4,835,852;
- 2. approve an incentive of \$5,031,678 for Otter Tail's 2016 CIP achievements;
- 3. approve a CCRA of \$0.00754 per kWh, to be effective October 1, 2017;
- 4. grant Otter Tail a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7820.3500 (K) and a variance to Minnesota Rules part 7825.2600 for one year after the issue date of the Commission's *Order* in the present docket; and
- 5. require Otter Tail to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of the *Order* in the present docket, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter.

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Otter Tail Power's Historical CIP Achievements, Incentives, and Tracker Balance 2007-2016

Line No.		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1.	Achieved Energy Savings (kWh)	11,468,831	15,994,719	35,706,319	31,792,750	27,957,635	30,793,654	35,792,002	33,805,392	48,652,628	57,504,891
2.	CIP Expenditures	\$1,862,697	\$2,345,874	\$4,093,050	\$5,030,119	\$4,344,581	\$4,816,994	\$5,253,935	\$5,188,931	\$6,105,445	\$7,770,781
3.	Net Benefits	\$6,860,618	\$9,891,448	\$35,624,398	\$28,444,292	\$19,307,820	\$21,167,988	\$32,764,856	\$26,035,459	\$38,079,065	\$49,691,112
4.	DSM Financial Incentive	\$25,066	\$273,798	\$1,101,060	\$3,531,538	\$2,608,098	\$2,681,575	\$4,026,600	\$2,957,972	\$4,257,105	\$5,031,678
5.	Carrying Charges	\$53,025	-\$4,830	\$26,437	\$146,441	\$221,862	\$222,097	\$237,859	\$219,788	\$31,473	\$26,368
6.	Year-End Tracker Balance	\$490,713	\$265,056	\$1,927,314	\$3,721,665	\$5,188,129	\$3,572,621	\$4,835,558	\$5,731,183	\$4,333,061	\$4,835,852
7.	Average Cost per first year kWh Saved	\$0.162	\$0.147	\$0.115	\$0.158	\$0.155	\$0.156	\$0.147	\$0.153	\$0.125	\$0.135
8.	Average cost per kWh Saved (including incentives)	\$0.165	\$0.164	\$0.145	\$0.269	\$0.249	\$0.244	\$0.259	\$0.241	\$0.213	\$0.223
9.	Incentive as a % of CIP Expenditures	1%	12%	27%	70%	60%	56%	77%	57%	70%	65%
10.	Incentive as a % of Net Benefits	0%	3%	3%	12%	14%	13%	12%	11%	11%	10%
11.	Incentive per first year kWh saved	\$0.002	\$0.017	\$0.031	\$0.111	\$0.093	\$0.087	\$0.112	\$0.088	\$0.088	\$0.088
12.	Carrying Charges as a % of Expenditures	3%	0%	1%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	1%	0.3%
13.	Year-End Tracker Balance as a % of Expenditures	26%	11%	47%	74%	119%	74%	92%	111%	71%	62%

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Comments

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Dated this 1st day of May 2017

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