

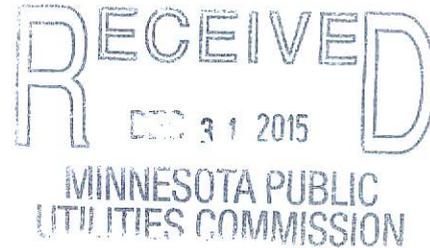


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Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Transportation Agreement
Regarding the Fertile, MN Community
Docket No. PL6580/M-15-968

Dear Mr. Wolf,

The City of Fertile respectfully requests an expedited review and approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to allow for the Petition of a Transportation Agreement, Docket No. PL6580/M-15-968 to go forward.

The City of Fertile currently has to rely upon costly fuel oil, propane and electricity to heat homes, businesses, and governmental facilities. This is an especially hard burden to the elderly living on fixed incomes. Recent high fuel oil and propane costs have also greatly affected the viability of our small businesses and we have been unable to attract new businesses and industry due to the lack of natural gas.

For several years the City has been quite interested in bringing natural gas to Fertile but was never able to find a cost-effective way to make that happen. We believe that by supporting and working with Greater Minnesota Transmission our citizens will benefit greatly from bringing natural gas into our community at a reasonable cost. We also believe the collaboration between Community Co-ops, Lake Park-Twin Valley branch will be a strong working relationship and the City Council supports the adoption of a franchise agreement with them.

On behalf of our residents, thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Nephew
Mayor