



June 16, 2014

## -VIA ELECTRONIC FILING-

Dr. Burl Haar Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

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 comments issued in its May 16, 2014 Notice regarding Decommissioning Policies Related to Depreciation in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-13-626.

In The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) Comments filed in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-13-626 on May 7, 2014, the Department stated "In its Comments, CenterPoint noted that as a natural gas utility that does not have large power generating plants, CenterPoint does not have a decommissioning policy and does not use decommissioning probabilities. The Department notes that the same is true for MERC, and therefore the Department will focus its Comments on the filings MP, Xcel, Otter Tail, and IPL, which have generating plants."

CenterPoint Energy agrees with the Departments May 7, 2014 statement that CenterPoint does not have a decommissioning policy and does not use decommissioning probabilities and has nothing further to add regarding this request.

By copy of this correspondence all parties have been served. Please contact Pam Thomas at <a href="mailto:pamela.thomas@centerpointenergy.com">pamela.thomas@centerpointenergy.com</a> or 612.321.5140 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

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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.

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Pamela Thomas
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014

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