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**Subject:** Petition by Minnesota for Approval of Modifications to Erie Mine Site Service Schedule

Attached is a letter of support for the Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of Modifications to Erie Mine Site Service Schedule. Thank you.

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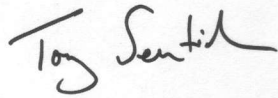
**RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources  
Docket No. E015/M-14-155  
Docket No. E015/M-14-166**

Dear Commissioner Rothman:

The State Master Agreement required the *Erie Mine Site Service Schedule (EMSS)* tariff “be in effect for a six year period.” The six year period is not listed as a maximum in the State Master Agreement. The *Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of Modifications to EMSS* will extend that period beyond 6 years. The original intent of the EMSS provision of the State Master Agreement was to encourage and support development at the former LTV Steel Mining Company (LTVSMC) site.

Please allow this letter to serve as confirmation by the State parties to the State Master Agreement regarding LTVSMC and LTV Steel Company, Inc. that the undersigned agencies support the *Petition by Minnesota Power for Approval of Modifications to EMSS* and an effective date of January 1, 2014, since both are consistent with the original intent of the EMSS provision of the State Master Agreement. Under item I. of the March 31, 2014, Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, it states: “Under MP’s proposal, service under the EMSS would be extended only to Mesabi Nugget, and only until Taconite Harbor is expired.” Our support is also based on this understanding.

Respectfully,



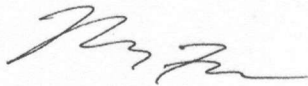
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