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**RE: Request for Extension of Time to Submit Initial Comments**  
Docket No. E017/RP-13-961

Dear Dr. Haar:

On October 30, 2013, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed its 2014-2028 integrated resource plan (IRP). Currently, initial comments on Otter Tail's IRP are due on April 2, 2014. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the Department) requests a 30-day extension to Friday May 2, 2014 to file initial comments. The reason for the extra time is to include an analysis of the effects of new policies of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator on Otter Tail Power's system. The Department discussed its desire for a 30-day extension with Otter Tail and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy and neither party objected to the Department's intention to request an extension.

The Department is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jan Mottaz, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, 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.

Request for Extension of Time to Submit Initial Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis.

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**Dated this 11th day of March 2014**

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