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Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of an Amendment to the Electric Service Agreement Between Boise, Inc. and Minnesota Power  
Docket No. E-015/M-13-1084

Dear Dr. Haar:

Minnesota Power's hereby electronically submits this letter in response to the Minnesota Department of Commerce's December 24, 2013 Comments ("Department Comments") in the above-referenced Docket. Minnesota Power agrees with the Department Comments that recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approve the Petition, including the request for a variance to Minn. Rule 7825.3200, which would allow the Amendment to be effective January 1, 2014. In addition, Minnesota Power continues to request expedited treatment of this Docket to provide Boise financial certainty as it implements operational changes at its International Falls Mill.

Please contact me at the number above if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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STATE OF MINNESOTA     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS     )

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Kristie Lindstrom of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014, she served Minnesota Power's Reply Comments in Docket No. E015/M-13-1084 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The remaining parties on the attached service list were served as so indicated on the list.

/s/ Kristie Lindstrom

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Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014.

/s/ Jodi Nash

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