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Mr. Daniel Wolf, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Re: Reply Comments to the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Comments to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas New Base Cost of Gas Filing  
Docket No. G-008/GR-15-424  
Docket No. G-008/MR-16-741**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (Company) has received and reviewed the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 comments from the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) concerning the Company's New Base Cost of Gas Filing filed in Docket No. G-008/MR-16-741 that updates the cost-of-gas components, as required in its 2015 General Rate Case in Docket No. G-008/GR-15-424.

In the cover letter to its comments, the Department recommended approval of the Company's new base cost of gas for the Company to coincide with the implementation of final rates in Docket No. G-008/GR-15-424.

The Company agrees with the Department's recommendations and appreciates the Department's thorough analysis of this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 612-321-4677 or [Kevin.Marquardt@CenterPointEnergy.com](mailto:Kevin.Marquardt@CenterPointEnergy.com).

Sincerely,

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