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—Via Electronic Filing—

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: **Response to Department of Commerce EERA Comments for the Black Dog
Natural Gas Pipeline Project; Docket No. G002/GP-16-656**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We appreciate the Department of Commerce EERA's thorough review of the record in this case and their recommendation that the Commission grant the Partial Exemption. Xcel Energy has reviewed the list of recommended conditions (or special conditions) in the DOC EERA's January 13, 2017 filing and confirms its agreement to these permit conditions, should the Commission choose to adopt them.

Please contact Ellen Heine at ellen.l.heine@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-6073 if you have questions or would like further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ellen Heine'.

Ellen Heine
Xcel Energy
Sr. Land Agent