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VIA E-FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Rider
for Boswell Unit 4 Emission Reduction
(BEC4) and 2016 Factor
Docket No. E015/M-15-876

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On October 28, 2016, the Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources (“Department”) submitted Initial Comments in the above-referenced Docket which was filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) on September 30, 2015. Minnesota Power (or “Company”) agrees with the Department’s comments which aligns with how the Boswell Unit 4 Emission Reduction Project costs and tracker balance are being handled in the Company’s general rate case that was submitted to the Commission on November 2, 2016 (see Volume III, page 9 of Herbert G Minke, III’s Direct Testimony and Schedule in Docket No. E015/GR-16-664).

Minnesota Power appreciates the time and work of the Department and Commission Staff in the regulatory review process, and looks forward to a Commission hearing on this issue.

Please contact me at the number or the email address provided if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Hoyum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Hoyum

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Attach.
cc: Service List