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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Dan Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
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Re: Minnesota Power's Reply Comments  
Docket No. E015/M-14-960

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Minnesota Power agrees with and accepts the Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources' ("Department") comments and recommendations filed on December 29, 2014 in the above-referenced Docket. Minnesota Power thanks the Department for its thoughtful consideration and analysis of the Company's Petition seeking approval of a 133 MW Power Purchase Agreement ("133 MW PPA") with Manitoba Hydro.

Minnesota Power does request that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") take action on this Docket prior to or concurrently with the Commission's decision on Minnesota Power's Great Northern Transmission Line Certificate of Need in Docket No. E015/CN-12-1163. The Department has proposed and Minnesota Power has agreed that granting the Certificate of Need for the Great Northern Transmission Line should be conditioned on Commission approval of the 133 MW PPA.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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  ) ss  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS     )

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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, she served Minnesota Power's Reply Comments in Docket No. E015/M-14-960 on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce of via electronic filing. The remaining parties on the attached service list were served as indicated on the list.

  
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