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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation 2015 Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program ("GAP"), Correction to GAP Tracker, Docket No. G-011/M-15-539

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On June 1, 2015, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation ("MERC") filed its 2015 GAP evaluation report in the above referenced docket. Attachment C of that filing was MERC's projected GAP tracker account balance. After filing, the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") requested clarification regarding the footnote to MERC's Attachment C, which provided "Carry Cost charge set at Rate of Return of 7.98% as approved by the Commission in Docket No. G007,011/M-07-1131." To clarify the carrying charges used, MERC has revised the footnote in Attachment C and resubmits that attachment. The revised footnote provides "Carry Cost charge set at Rate of Return of 7.8275% January 1, 2015-March 31, 2015 as approved by the Commission in Docket No. G007,011/GR-10-977. Carry Cost charge set at Rate of Return of 7.3048% as of April 1, 2015 as approved by the Commission in Docket No. G011/GR-13-617."

Please contact me at (651) 322-8965 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amber S. Lee

Amber S. Lee  
Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Manager  
Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation

**Minnesota Energy Resources - Total Company**  
**Gas Affordability Program Tracker**  
Forecasted balance at 12/31/15

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		RT 078 and 179	RT 825	RT 826	RT 044	RT 012	RT 559			
<u>Beginning Balance -</u>		<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Funding (from</u>	<u>Dollars Paid for</u>	<u>Dollars Paid for</u>		<u>12/31/11 Balance</u>	<u>Carry Cost</u>	<u>Under-</u>	<u>Ending Balance -</u>
		<u>Collection</u>	<u>bills)</u>	<u>Affordability</u>	<u>Arrearage</u>	<u>Admin Fee to</u>	<u>Amortization</u>		<u>Collected</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
					<u>Forgiveness</u>	<u>Salvation Army</u>			<u>IPL</u>	<u>Collection</u>
Actual	<b>Jan-15</b>	\$ 1,106,456.38	\$ 213,971.20	\$ 63,564.44	\$ 2,421.21	\$ -	\$ 14,848.33	\$ 1,064.92		\$ 1,238,528.68
Actual	<b>Feb-15</b>	1,238,528.68	203,072.48	62,622.36	2,217.70	-	14,848.33	968.11		1,360,944.66
Actual	<b>Mar-15</b>	1,360,944.66	223,823.30	62,625.33	2,155.22	-	14,848.33	936.64		1,504,202.44
Actual	<b>Apr-15</b>	1,504,202.44	118,994.63	62,239.20	1,968.88		14,848.33	723.05		1,543,417.61
Fcst (2)	<b>May-15</b>	1,543,417.61	63,633.86	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	632.67	(8,807.56)	1,491,907.32
Fcst	<b>Jun-15</b>	1,491,907.32	27,721.70	90,855.59	-	25,000.00	14,848.33	542.29		1,388,382.81
Fcst	<b>Jul-15</b>	1,388,382.81	18,747.43	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	451.91		1,300,974.41
Fcst	<b>Aug-15</b>	1,300,974.41	17,650.67	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	361.53		1,212,559.63
Fcst	<b>Sep-15</b>	1,212,559.63	32,795.74	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	271.15		1,139,380.30
Fcst	<b>Oct-15</b>	1,139,380.30	70,153.55	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	180.76		1,103,649.17
Fcst	<b>Nov-15</b>	1,103,649.17	124,477.55	90,855.59	-		14,848.33	90.38		1,122,332.42
Fcst	<b>Dec-15</b>	1,122,332.42	187,901.72	90,855.59	-	25,000.00	14,848.33	-		1,179,530.22
		<u>\$ 1,302,943.83</u>	<u>\$ 977,896.05</u>	<u>\$ 8,763.01</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 178,179.96</u>	<u>\$ 6,223.41</u>	<u>\$ (8,807.56)</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,530.22</u>	

(1) March 2015 includes adjustments for the Emmons IA customers that should have charged for GAP. The funding from bills column includes a one time adjustment of \$253.18 and the carry cost column includes a one time adjustment of \$65.34.

(2) Forecasted funding from bills and dollars paid for affordability for forecasted months of May-Dec includes amounts related to acquired IPL customers.

*12/31/11 Balance moved to a Regulatory Asset Account. Approved to amortize over 4 years*

*Carry Cost charge set at Rate of Return of 7.8275% January 1, 2015-March 31, 2015 as approved by the Commission in Docket No. G007,011/GR-10-977.*

*Carry Cost charge set at Rate of Return of 7.3048% as of April 1, 2015 as approved by the Commission in Docket No. G011/GR-13-617*

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STATE OF MINNESOTA            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN        )

Kristin M. Stastny hereby certifies that on the 24th day of July, 2015, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) she electronically filed a true and correct copy of the attached Letter on [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

/s/ Kristin M. Stastny  
Kristin M. Stastny

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 24th Day of July, 2015.

/s/ Alice Jaworski  
Notary Public, State of Minnesota  
My Commission Expires: January 31, 2020

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