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Ms. Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**Re: Reply Comments to the Comments of the Minnesota Department of
Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. G-004/M-25-71**

Dear Ms. Bergman:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), herewith electronically files its Reply Comments to the Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) filed on October 2, 2025 in the above referenced docket.

The Department requests that Great Plains discuss information received from Northern Natural Gas (NNG) regarding the proposed rate changes and provide an estimate of the proposed increases on the Company's average customer by class in the Reply Comments. Great Plains through joint representation of small utilities and municipalities has intervened in the NNG rate case. Settlement negotiations with NNG are ongoing and subject to confidentiality agreements. On August 21, 2025, Great Plains estimated that a 35% uniform rate increase would result in an annual cost impact of approximately \$72 for a residential customer using 90 dekatherms¹.

The Department also requests the Company address capacity releases in the Reply Comments. Great Plains will solicit bids for capacity release on VGT in the coming weeks. The results of these releases will be provided within the supplemental demand entitlement filing on or before November 1, 2025.

Great Plains respectfully requests that the Commission consider the Department's Comments as well as Great Plains' Reply Comments.

¹ See Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division Energy Resources, Information Request No. 18, issued August 11, 2025 in Docket No. G-004/M-25/71.

If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact me at (701) 222-7855, or Kristin Stastny at (612) 977-8656.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

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cc: Kristin Stastny