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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition for of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for
its Annual Review of Depreciation Rates for 2016
Docket No. G011/D-16-490**

Reply to Department of Commerce Comments

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On August 31, 2016, the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") submitted Comments in the above-referenced docket recommending that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's ("MERC's") depreciation parameters and rates as proposed, effective January 1, 2016, and require MERC to file its five-year depreciation study by June 1, 2017.

MERC thanks the Department for its thorough analysis and review. Based on the Comments submitted by the Department, MERC and the Department are in agreement and no open issues remain. MERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its depreciation parameters and rates effective January 1, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Amber S. Lee

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Enclosure
cc: Service List

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristin M. Stastny, hereby certify that on the 9th of September, 2016, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC), I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the enclosed Letter on www.edockets.state.mn.us. Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2016.

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