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Daniel P. Wolf
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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**RE: Reply Comments to the Comments of the Department of Commerce, Division
of Energy Resources
Docket No. G004/M-17-338**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits its Reply Comments to the Comments of the Department of Commerce (Department) filed on June 29, 2017, regarding Great Plains' 2016 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Status Report and CIP Tracker and Demand Side Management Incentive.

Great Plains agrees with the Department's recommendation that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve Recommendation Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 5 as stated by the Department.

Concerning Recommendation Number 4, Great Plains agrees to include a bill message in the billing month immediately following the date of the Order. However, Great Plains respectfully requests the following bill message versus that submitted by the Department, as Great Plains no longer has a line on the bill referenced as a "Resource Adjustment."

Great Plains recovers the cost changes in its energy conservation programs from the base established on 1/1/17 through its Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) subject to MN Public Utilities Commission approval. A CCRA Factor of \$0.2097 per dk is effective [insert effective date]. Learn more about reducing your energy use by visiting our website at www.gpng.com or calling 1-877-267-4764.

Great Plains also notes that an updated tariff page reflecting the CCRA rate approved in Docket No. G004/M-16-384 was submitted as part of its rate case compliance tariff submitted in Docket No. G004/GR-15-879.

Great Plains appreciates this opportunity to reply to the Department's comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tamie A. Aberle

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc: Brian Meloy
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