

May 26, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: ERRATA to Supplemental Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources filed May 12, 2015 in Docket No. G011/PA-14-664

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In its recommendations to the Commission in the above-referenced document, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) stated:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve MERC's petition with the thirty conditions listed in Attachment B of its April 20, 2015 comments. In addition, the Department recommends the following condition:

If MERC's cost of debt increases during the next three calendar years, Minnesota ratepayers will be held harmless from any rate impact unless MERC can demonstrate that is increased cost of debt was not caused by the proposed transaction.

This condition is identical to the one proposed by the OAG-AUD in its April 20, 2015 comments as #32.

In total, the Department recommends that the Commission approve the petition with the thirty-one conditions identified.

This passage should be changed to read:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve MERC's petition with the **twenty-three** conditions listed in **Attachment C** of its April 20, 2015 comments. In addition, the Department recommends the following condition:

If MERC's cost of debt increases during the next three calendar years, Minnesota ratepayers will be held harmless from any rate impact unless MERC can demonstrate that is increased cost of debt was not caused by the proposed transaction.

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This condition is identical to the one proposed by the OAG-AUD in its April 20, 2015 comments as #32.

In total, the Department recommends that the Commission approve the petition with the **twenty-four** conditions identified.

The Department apologizes for any confusion the incorrect statements included in the Recommendations section of its April 20, 2015 comments may have caused. The Department continues to recommend **approval of the petition with conditions** and is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN KUNDERT Financial Analyst

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Errata to Supplemental Comments

Docket No. G011/PA-14-664

Dated this 26th day of May 2015

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