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Dan Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Minnesota Power's Reply Comments

Docket No. E015/M-14-926

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Minnesota Power agrees with and accepts the Department of Commerce - Division of Energy Resources' ("Department") comments and recommendations filed on December 29, 2014 in the above-referenced Docket. Minnesota Power thanks the Department for its thoughtful consideration and analysis of the Company's Petition seeking approval of a new 50 MW Power Purchase Agreement ("50 MW PPA") with Manitoba Hydro.

Minnesota Power does request that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") take action on this Docket prior to March 31, 2015. March 31, 2015 is the last day capacity can be committed to by utilities for the upcoming Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") Module E Resource Adequacy planning year. The 50 MW PPA effective date of June 1, 2015 corresponds with the start date of the MISO Resource Adequacy planning year.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours truly,

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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, she served Minnesota Power's Reply Comments in Docket No. E015/M-14-926 on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce of via electronic filing. The remaining parties on the attached service list were served as indicated on the list.

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