



August 28, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**Re: Dakota Electric Association Reply Comments in the  
Petition to Implement a Solar Option for Wellspring  
Docket No. E-111/M-15-651**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On July 2, 2015, Dakota Electric Association (Dakota Electric or Cooperative) filed a petition requesting Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approval to implement a solar energy option in the Cooperative's Optional Renewable Energy (Wellspring) Rider.

On August 25, 2015, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources (Department) submitted comments recommending approval of Dakota Electric's petition.

Dakota Electric concurs with the Department recommendation.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this petition, please contact me at (651) 463-6258.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Douglas R. Larson*

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