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Re: **Comments of the State of North Dakota in Response to State of Minnesota Department of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency's Potential Scenarios for Investigation of Externality Costs from Electric Generation Unit Emissions**
Docket No. E-999/CI-00-1636

Dear Messrs. Rothman and Stine:

Enclosed for filing are the Comments of the State of North Dakota on the Potential Scenarios for Investigation of Externality Costs from Electric Generation Unit Emissions, in regard to the above-referenced docket.

We have served a copy to all parties on the service list. Please contact me at (701)328-3640 or by email at maiolson@nd.gov if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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**Re: In the Matter of the Investigation into Environmental and Socioeconomic Costs under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422, Subd. 3.
Docket No. E-999/CI-00-1636**

Dear Messrs. Rothman and Stine:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the scope of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's investigation into environmental and socioeconomic costs under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422(3).

It is our understanding that the Commission is not considering including any issues affecting North Dakota facilities in the scope of this proceeding. North Dakota would strongly oppose any attempt to impose additional regulations on North Dakota facilities by, for example, extending the 200 mile boundary established by the Commission in its July 2, 1997 order or raising the values currently applied within the boundary.

Such extraterritorial regulation is, among other things, unconstitutional. In the context of the Next Generation Energy Act, Minn. Stat. § 216H.03, a federal judge recently held that Minnesota's attempt to regulate North Dakota facilities violates the dormant Commerce Clause. *North Dakota v. Heydinger*, 11-CV-3232, 2014 WL 1612331 (D. Minn. Apr. 18, 2014)

Should the potential scope of the proceeding be expanded to include any issues that may affect North Dakota facilities, North Dakota requests that it be given the opportunity to provide additional comment.

Sincerely,

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