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Dr. Burl W. Haar Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Response to comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources dated 6/30/14, Docket No. E999/CI-04-1616

Dear Dr. Haar:

Thank you for seeking input on the eligibility of imported Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from the Michigan Renewable Energy Certification System (MIRECS). As the designated tracking system for the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard (RES), the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS) tracks all RECs for compliance in Minnesota. Per our Operating Procedures, M-RETS defines 1 REC as 1 MWh of renewable energy. As we work on developing our policy for imports from MIRECS and other Compatible Tracking Systems, M-RETS will ensure any process for imported credits maintains the M-RETs definition of a REC. This topic is on the M-RETS August board meeting for review and discussion.

An important part of policy considerations at M-RETS is the level of involvement we encourage from stakeholders who are ultimately represented on our board of directors. We are fortunate that Michelle Rebholz of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission serves on the M-RETS Board of Directors. Any import policy will require the board's review and approval in order to be implemented. This provides the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission input on the development of the import policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. M-RETS is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission or Department of Commerce may have.

Sincerely,

Program and Policy Director

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CC: Susan L Pierce