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December 6, 2017

Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Xcel Energy Black Dog Natural Gas Pipeline Project
PUC Docket Number: G002/GP-16-656

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Route Permit Amendment for the Xcel Energy Black Dog Natural Gas project (Project), in Burnsville, Minnesota. Based on the limited information provided in the November 20, 2017, letter and attached map, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has no comments at this time.

Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this project please contact me by email at karen.kromar@state.mn.us or by telephone at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'karen kromar' in a cursive, lowercase style.

Karen Kromar
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cc: Dan Card, MPCA, St. Paul
Teresa McDill, MPCA, St. Paul