

August 31, 2018

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

RE: **In the Matter of the Department of Commerce Work Group on Decommissioning of Wind and Solar Facilities**

Docket No. E-999/M-17-123

Dear Mr. Wolf,

Consistent with the Commission's Order of March 8, 2017 in the above matter, the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff convened a working group of 12 diverse stakeholder to review issues and best practices related to decommissioning of wind and solar generating facilities. Working group members reviewed background materials, draft reports, and met three times between April 2017 and January 2018 to discuss issues related to decommissioning of wind and solar generating facilities permitted by the Commission.

The working group's report is attached. The report included the group's recommendations for decommissioning plans for site permits issued by the Commission for wind and solar facilities.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



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