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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: Compliance Filing – Annual Load Utilization
Various Petitions for Approval of Firm Gas Transportation Agreements

PUBLIC DOCUMENT—TRADE SECRET DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED

Docket Nos. PL-6580/M-06-1063
PL-6580/M-13-91
PL-6580/M-13-94
PL-6580/M-14-386
G-022/M-14-342
PL-6850/M-14-578
PL-6580/M-14-1056
PL-6580/M-15-967
PL-6580/M-15-968
PL-6580/M-15-1041
PL-6580/M-16-1026
PL-6580/M-16-936

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In various Orders filed in the above-referenced dockets, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) directed Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC (“GMT”) to file an annual load utilization factor letter stating its annual load utilization factors by contract for each of its intrastate pipelines and pipeline segments.

This letter constitutes the requisite annual letter submitted in compliance with the Commission’s Orders. This letter is a public document and trade secret data has been excised. A complete copy including the redacted trade secret information has been filed with the Commission.



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The actual volume of the pipeline and pipeline segments utilized by project is identified in the following table:

		2017 Annual Load Utilization Factor
Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC.		
Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.		

With regard to the lines that went into service during 2017, the actual volumes for those lines are based only on each line’s respective actual throughput and entitlement for the period the line was in service. GMT load factors were affected by what the Company believes were abnormally high levels of grain drying. In some portions of the Company’s service area, localized propane shortages led customers to shift grain drying to operations served by the Company. An article briefly addressing the issue of propane shortages is attached; and, GMT is happy to be part of the solution for farmers where it can be. GMT does not believe the high grain drying levels reflect normal operations. GMT and GMG believe that, on an annualized basis, the volumes used in the cost of service projections are reasonable.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns or if you require additional information. My direct dial number is (507) 665-8657 and my email address is kanderson@greatermngas.com. All individuals identified on the official service lists for each respective docket have been electronically served with the same.

Sincerely,

GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSMISSION, LLC

/s/
Kristine A. Anderson
Corporate Attorney

cc: Service List

CROOKSTON TIMES

State of Minnesota - Kiel pushes for propane availability

By Times Report

Posted Nov 2, 2017 at 11:32 AM

She's among House Republicans who send letter to Gov. Dayton

District 1B State Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, is among Minnesota House Republicans pushing to keep propane supplies moving to the point of demand for home heating and grain drying this harvest season.

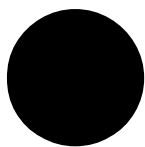
Members of the GOP Rural Caucus on Wednesday co-signed a letter to Gov. Mark Dayton requesting that he issue an executive order temporarily waiving hours of service regulations for transporters of propane and anhydrous ammonia. The governor issued a similar order in 2013, when late-maturing crops and other factors combined to reduce the propane supply chain that fall.

“Four years ago, Governor Dayton saw the need for an executive order to help ease a propane supply emergency, and we hope he will take similar action once again,” Kiel stated in a release from her office. “This could help stave off a crisis, ensuring folks can heat their homes and farmers can dry their grain.”

This year’s situation does not appear as dire, Kiel’s office reports, but several constituents reported that shortages in surrounding states are causing dealers to turn to Minnesota for supplies, straining our state’s resources. Haulers have had to wait in line for up to six hours to load their trucks, Kiel’s office states, time which cuts into their allotted hours of service behind the wheel.

Industry representatives requested an hours of service waiver from Dayton’s administration last week, but were denied, with the rationale that it is not yet an emergency situation, Kiel’s office states. Kiel says the time to act is now, before another propane shortage crisis.

House Republicans are asking for the executive order to be effective this week and extend through the Thanksgiving weekend.



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