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December 22, 2015

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

RE: Docket No. E002/M-07-1602

Mercury Emissions Reduction Plan for Xcel Energy Allen S. King Generating Facility

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In response to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) notice of December 4, 2015, seeking comment on Xcel Energy's (Xcel) request to close the docket referenced above, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) offers these comments.

The MPCA supports Xcel's request. Mercury controls are installed and operating at the Allen S. King (King) generating station. Conditions for ensuring mercury reductions have been incorporated into the King air emissions permit issued by the MPCA after public notice and comment. The permit includes a mercury emissions limit, control equipment operation requirements, continuous monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting to the MPCA.

As a result, the conditions of the PUC Order of November 6, 2008, for reporting optimization of mercury emissions control equipment are no longer needed. The MPCA very much appreciates the efforts of the PUC and staff in implementing the Mercury Emissions Reduction Act of 2006.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience at frank.kohlasch@state.mn.us or at 651-757-2500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank L. Kohlasch".

Frank L. Kohlasch, Manager
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