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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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**Re: NDPC's Exceptions to the ALJ Report
In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a
Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota
MPUC Docket No. PL-6668/CN-13-473; OAH Docket No. 8-2500-31260**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC ("NDPC") has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Summary of Public Comment, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation (the "ALJ Report") filed April 13, 2015 in the above referenced docket. The ALJ Report reflects a careful and thorough review of the record, and NDPC does not have any exceptions to the ALJ Report.

With regard to the ALJ Report Finding Nos. 591 and 592 and Recommendation 3(e) discussing financial assurance, NDPC continues to engage in productive discussions with the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("DOC-DER") to address their concerns. The parties are currently negotiating the final language of a parental guaranty between Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. and the Department of Commerce on behalf of the State of Minnesota. The parental guaranty formalizes and evidences Enbridge's and NDPC's commitments to (1) safely and responsibly operate the Sandpiper Pipeline in the State of Minnesota; and (2) fully respond, mitigate, and clean-up in the unlikely event of a release from the Sandpiper Pipeline in Minnesota. NDPC anticipates the parties will provide a further update to the Commission upon reaching agreement.

NDPC respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the ALJ Report and grant a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project with the Conditions recommended in the ALJ Report.

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