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Mr. Daniel Wolf
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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*RE: Reply Comments
Annual Compliance Submission of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, A
Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., for its Gas Affordability Service
Program; MPUC Docket No. G-008/M-19-255*

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On April 1, 2019 CenterPoint Energy ("the Company") submitted its annual Gas Affordability Program 2018 Compliance Report ("2018 Report"). On April 29, 2019, the Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Department") filed its Comments and recommended the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") accept CenterPoint Energy's 2018 Report.

On May 7, 2019, the Department filed supplemental Comments recommending approval of the Company's GAP surcharge proposal with modification. More specifically, the Department proposed a GAP surcharge rate of \$0.0000 per dekatherm (Dth).

The Company appreciates the Department's review and analysis and agrees with the Department's recommendations to accept CenterPoint Energy's GAP Report submitted in Docket No. G-008/M-19-255.

Moreover, if the Department believes the preferred approach is to change the Company's GAP surcharge to \$0.0000 (with an annual review of this surcharge), then the Company is not strongly opposed to this alternative. With this approach, the Company can also keep the GAP surcharge line item on a customer's bill, but with an

amount of \$0.00 for the applicable billing cycle (ensuring consistent bill messaging to its customers).

Therefore, CenterPoint Energy respectfully requests the Commission accept its Gas Affordability Program 2018 Annual Compliance Report, with approval of the annual GAP surcharge adjustment proposal.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact me at (612) 321-4925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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