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RE Response of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
to Minnesota Power's Reply Comments
Docket No. E015/M-13-1166

Dear Dr. Haar:

Based on our review of Minnesota Power's (Company) *Reply Comments* the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approve MP's proposed 2014 Rate Adjustment Factors for recovery under the Company's 2014 Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Emission Reduction Rider.¹ The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN KUNDERT
Financial Analyst

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¹ On February 14, 2014, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the Minnesota Court of Appeals ("Court") regarding the Commission's November 5, 2013 Order In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Environmental Retrofit Project, (Docket E015/M-12-920). The Department's recommendation in the instant docket is not intended to affect the Court's decisions or the effects of such decisions in that separate appellate proceeding.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jan Mottaz, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Response of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis.

Docket No. E015/M-13-1166

Dated this 11th day of March 2014

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