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The Honorable Jeanne M. Cochran
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project to Increase Pumping Capacity on Line 4 Crude Oil Pipeline in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott Counties in Minnesota
MPUC Docket No. PL-5/CN-14-320
OAH Docket No. 68-2500-31889

Dear Judge Cochran:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") responds to Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC's ("MPL") letter of April 24, 2015, which may reflect a difference or misunderstanding regarding the mechanics of how the parties were to address the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's authority to apply conditions to the issuance of a certificate of need for a large energy facility. Both parties now have satisfactorily addressed this issue, and the Department does not object to the ALJ considering MPL's April 24, 2015 letter in a substantive manner.

Sincerely,

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