

May 5, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Daniel Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: *In the Matter of the Formal Complaint and Petition for Relief by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation Against Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Violations of Minn. Stat. § 216B.01 and Commission Policy, Docket No. G-011, G-002/C-17-305*

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (“MERC”) is submitting this brief letter to inform the Commission that it has learned that Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (“Xcel Energy”) has moved forward with the installation of meters for natural gas service at the site of the Minnesota Vikings planned development in Eagan, Minnesota (“Planned Development”). See Attached Exhibit A. Xcel appears to be moving forward with serving the Planned Development notwithstanding (1) the fact that there is a pending dispute at the Commission regarding which utility has the right to serve Planned Development (an issue which Xcel has conceded is within the Commission’s jurisdiction); and (2) Xcel’s own statements in its April 28, 2017 Response to Complaint that expedited Commission action is necessary to ensure that natural gas service to the Vikings is not delayed.

MERC believes Xcel’s actions are highly irregular and is considering its options to protect its rights as its Complaint moves forward at the Commission. In the interim, MERC requests that the Commission direct Xcel to discontinue installing natural gas infrastructure to serve the Vikings until this matter is resolved by the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian Meloy

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EXHIBIT A





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Dated this 5th day of May, 2017

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