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Mr. Daniel Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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**RE: CenterPoint Energy Reply Comments to Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. G008/M-17-339**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

CenterPoint Energy, a division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, (“CenterPoint Energy” or the “Company”) respectfully submits the following *Reply Comments* in response to the *Comments*¹ of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (DER Staff) regarding the Company’s *2016 Demand-Side Management (DSM) Financial Incentive Report, Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Tracker Report, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) Proposal* (the *Petition*).² CenterPoint Energy appreciates the time and effort expended by DER Staff in the analysis and review of the *Petition*. The Company has reviewed the *Comments* and accepts without contention the recommendations that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission):

- 1) Approve CenterPoint Energy’s proposed 2016 DSM financial incentive of \$13,791,346 to be included in the Company’s CIP Tracker account no sooner than the issue date of the Commission’s *Order* in Docket No. G-008/M-17-339;
- 2) Approve CenterPoint Energy’s 2016 CIP Tracker account, as summarized in the *Comments*, Table 1, resulting in a December 31, 2016 balance of \$7,461,117; and
- 3) Allow CenterPoint Energy to continue to implement a CCRA of \$0.1553/Dth.

The Company notes that the cover letter of the *Comments* states that “the Department recommends that the Commission approve CenterPoint’s *Petition* with modifications” (original emphasis omitted). However, no modifications are proposed in the *Comments*. The Company has confirmed with DER Staff that the prefatory language was included in error, and DER Staff intended to recommend approval of CenterPoint’s *Petition* without modifications.

¹ Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, Docket No. G008/M-17-339 (June 26, 2017).

² CenterPoint Energy’s 2016 Conservation Improvement Program Status Report, 2016 Demand-Side Management Financial Incentive Report, Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Report, and 2016 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Proposal Aggregated Compliance Filing, Docket No. G-008/M-17-339, et. al, p. 38-48 (May 1, 2017).

Following Commission approval, the Company will record the DSM financial incentive in its CIP Tracker account as of the date of the Commission's final *Order* and continue implementation of the current CCRA. Please feel free to contact me at 612-321-4613 or nick.mark@centerpointenergy.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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