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Will Seuffert
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
Docket No. E002/RP-19-368

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) is filing this letter to provide the Department's preferred decision options for this proceeding. The Department supports the following decision options from Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Staff's *Briefing Papers*:

- Under XIII A (Resource Plan Preferences) options 20, 21, and 22, including all sub-parts;
- Under XIII B (Resource Acquisition) options 8, 11, and 12, including all subparts;
- Under XIII C (Blackstart) the Department deferred all decisions to Xcel's proposed blackstart proceeding. However, if the Commission determines to make a decision options 1, 5 and/or 6 would be preferred;
- Under XIII D (Next IRP) options 1 and 18, including all sub-parts; and
- Under XIII E (Miscellaneous), the Department did not express a preferred decision option.

The Department is available to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

/s/ STEVE RAKOW
Analyst Coordinator

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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, 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.

Minnesota Department of Commerce

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Dated this **26th** day of **January 2022**

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