

August 5, 2022

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: **Response to Reply Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**
Docket No. G011/M-22-209

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) respectfully requests the Commission accept this response to Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC or the Company) reply comments in the following matter:

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's request (*Petition*) for Approval of the 2021 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Account, Demand-Side Management Financial Incentive, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor

On July 19, 2022, MERC filed reply comments in this proceeding. In its reply comments, the Company included the following additional information requested by the Department:

1. An estimate of the average residential customer bill impact with the proposed CCRA rate; and
2. An updated 2023 December forecasted ending balance incorporating the proposed CCRA rate.

The Department reviewed the additional data provided and concludes it is reasonable. The Department thanks MERC for providing the additional information its Reply Comments.

The Department recommends the Commission **approve MERC's *Petition*** and is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may have.

Sincerely,

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