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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
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Re: Additional Information Regarding Northshore Mining Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota; Docket No. G-011/GR-13-617

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On January 21, 2015, Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) filed its 30-day compliance filing in accordance with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's October 28, 2014, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the above-referenced docket. On February 13, 2015, MERC filed corrections and additional information related to its Compliance Filing, including information regarding MERC's calculation of the Northshore Mining CIP adjustment.

In response to that filing, the Department of Commerce requested that MERC file the detailed calculation of the Northshore adjustment amount. The detailed calculation is included as an attachment to this filing. The nonpublic version of this filing contains trade secret information. Specifically, customer information that is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable by vendors and competitors of MERC, who could obtain economic value from its disclosure. MERC maintains this information as secret. The Nonpublic version of Schedule F contains data which qualifies as "Trade Secret Data" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 Subdivision 1(b).

Please contact me at (920) 433-2926 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seth DeMerritt".

Seth DeMerritt  
Rate Case Consultant

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA                    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN                )

Kristin M. Stastny hereby certifies that on the 17th day of February, 2015, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation, she electronically filed a true and correct copy of the attached filing on [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

/s/ Kristin M. Stastny  
Kristin M. Stastny

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 17th Day of February, 2015.

/s/ Alice Jaworski  
Notary Public, State of Minnesota

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