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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf Executive Secretary MN Public Utilities Commission 121 – 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for approval of a Transportation Agreement pertaining to the community of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The City of Red Lake Falls respectfully requests an expedited review and approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of the above petition to allow for the extension of natural gas service to Red Lake Falls.

For years the residents of Red Lake Falls have requested we bring natural gas to our community but we were never able to find a cost effective way to make that happen. When we were approached with a plan to bring natural gas to Red Lake Falls we were committed to investigate this opportunity in the hopes that we could provide natural gas to our residents and businesses. We feel this will be an affordable source of energy for the community and look forward to working with Greater Minnesota Transmission to bring natural gas in at a reasonable cost. The City Council supports the adoption of a franchise agreement with Lake Park Cenex Community Co-op and Greater Minnesota Gas Company.

On behalf of the community of Red Lake Falls, thank you for your consideration of our request to expedite the approval of this petition so that we can take advantage of natural gas in 2016.

Sincerely,

Kevin Harmoning, Mayor City of Red Lake Falls