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VIA E-FILING

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

RE: In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' (CenterPoint Energy or the Company) Proposal to Sell Equipment from its Coon Rapids Peaking Plant Docket No. G-008/PA-16-255

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On March 29, 2016, CenterPoint Energy (the "Company") submitted its proposal to sell equipment from its Coon Rapids Peaking Plant.

On June 27, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the "Department") filed Comments regarding the Company's proposal. The Department recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") approve the sale of the equipment from its Coon Rapids peaking plant and require the Company to file its accounting entries for the equipment, including the entries relating to deferred income tax on the equipment within 60 days of the close of the transaction.

The Company appreciates the analysis prepared by the Department and supports the recommendation outlined in the Department's analysis. Within 60 days of the close of the Coon Rapids peaking plant transaction and removal of the equipment, the Company will submit a filing that includes accounting entries and any entries related to deferred income tax on the equipment.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission make a determination on this proposal before mid-August so the contractor, LPG Ventures, is able to complete its necessary work before the end of this year.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 612.321.4677 or Kevin.Marquardt@CenterPointEnergy.com.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kevin Marquardt Regulatory Analyst Regulatory Services

Enclosures cc: Service List

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss. COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Kevin D. Marquardt, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says he served the foregoing document on the attached list of persons by e-filing and depositing a true and correct copy thereof, with postage paid in the United States mail at City of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

/s/ Kevin D. Marquardt, Regulatory Analyst

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 8th day of July, 2016

<u>/s/</u> Linda Baumann Notary Public

My Commission Expires 1/31/20

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