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## VIA E-Filing

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

RE: In the Matter of the Missouri River Energy Services 2017-2031 Integrated Resource Plan Docket No. ET10/RP-16-509

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I wish to inform the Commission that Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency d/b/a Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) and the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) have agreed on a proposed date for the next MRES resource plan filing. Together, we recommend to the Commission that it set July 1, 2021 as the date for the next MRES resource plan. This date reflects a five-year interval between plan filings, which is consistent with the average intervals in the recent past (e.g. 2001, 2005, 2010, and 2016).

In our discussions, Mr. Davis (of the Department) and I have considered the expected resource needs of MRES, as well as other potential changes anticipated in the next five years. In the event there are substantial changes during the interim – such as the acquisition or exchange of additional resources, or changes to MRES Member load and the capability of MRES to meet that need – MRES agrees to file a Notice of Changed Circumstances.

Further, as indicated in the Department's Supplemental Comments, it is the intent of the parties to maintain an active dialogue on a number of planning issues and specific modeling possibilities throughout the interim. Thus, for example, if circumstances make it reasonable to provide an update on load and capability during the interim, the parties can work together to identify the need for, and scope of interim filings. We have also taken into account the fact that the MRES resource plan is an advisory plan, reviewed by the Commission only for purpose of acceptance or rejection. See Minn. Stat. §216B.2422. MRES and the Department believe that experience has demonstrated the five-year interval is appropriate.

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Please contact me at 605-330-6951 or mrg.simon@mrenergy.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrg Simon

Mrg Simon, Director Legal

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Docket No. E999/RP-16-509

In the Matter of 2017-2031 Integrated Resource Plan

Date: March 22, 2017

LETTER REGARDING PROPOSED FILING DATE OF NEXT IRP

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

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I, Tasha Altmann, being first duly sworn, depose and state that on the 22 day of March, 2017, I filed and served a true and correct copy of the **LETTER REGARDING PROPOSED FILING DATE OF NEXT IRP**, on behalf of Missouri River Energy Services, by electronic filing, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN, 55101-2147, via the E-Dockets filing system, and to each person identified on the attached service list by email, or where not served by email, I have served a true and correct copy thereof by depositing the same in the US Mail at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Γasha Altmann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ZZ day of March, 2017

Derek Bertsch

My commission expires: 4/6/18