



December 12, 2016

Mr. Daniel Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 350 Metro Square Building 121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

Re: CenterPoint Energy's Request for Change in Demand Units, Docket No. G008/M-16-571 – REPLY COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Wolf:

CenterPoint Energy has received and reviewed the November 29, 2016 Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Department" or "DOC") on CenterPoint Energy's Request for approval of a change in demand units effective November 1, 2016.

On November 29, 2016 the DOC recommended that the Commission approve CenterPoint Energy's proposal. The Company agrees with the recommendation, and thanks the Department for its thorough review of the requested changes.

The Company notes that on page 2 of its comments, the Department noted that "propane capacity would be increasing by 9,200 Dekatherms (Dth) per day for the upcoming winter <u>due to a new plant coming into service."</u> (Emphasis added.) CenterPoint Energy clarifies the record by noting that the propane capacity is not <u>new</u>, but is returning to service after extensive upgrades performed at the Mankato Peaking facility last year that took the plant out of service. (See pages 1-2 of the July 1, 2015 Demand Entitlement filing: Docket G-008/M-15-644.)

Please contact me at (612) 321-5078 if you have any guestions.

Sincerely,

/s/____

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Marie Doyle, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says she served via e filing or caused to be served electronically on behalf of CenterPoint Energy: its Reply comments regarding the Request for Change in Demand Units for the 2016-2017 heating season on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; on the Department of Commerce and; on the Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division; and on those on the attached service list requesting service electronically, by delivering by hand at the respective addresses on the list or by placing in the U.S. Mail at the City of Minneapolis.

/s/

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 2016

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