



March 15, 2017

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

IN RE: Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC's Petition for Approval of a
Transportation Agreement with Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.
Docket No. PL6580/M-16-936

Lake Region Energy Services, Inc.'s Petition for Exemption for
Small Gas Utility
Docket No. G6977/M-17-186

Dear Mr. Wolf:

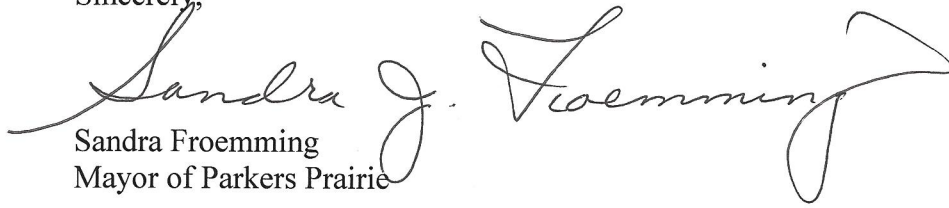
As indicated in the filing materials related to the Lake Region Energy Services, Inc. ("LRES") Petition referenced above, the City of Parkers Prairie ("City") granted a franchise to LRES for natural gas service in the City and the surrounding areas. The residents of the City and the surrounding areas presently rely upon fuel oil, propane, and electricity to heat their homes, businesses, farms, and municipal facilities. These resources are generally more expensive than natural gas, and tend to be financial burdens to our populations, especially those elderly living on fixed incomes. Our City is also without the other benefits of natural gas over some of the other fuels, and our citizens are very eager to use natural gas this next heating season.

The delivery of natural gas to the City through LRES is directly dependent on the arrangement with Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC ("GMT"), and the model is demonstrated as a cost-effective way extend natural gas in the presently unserved area. Our citizens will benefit greatly from bringing natural gas into our community at a reasonable cost. We also believe the collaboration between LRES, GMT, and the City has been and will continue to be a strong working relationship.

The City respectfully requests an expedited review and approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on both the Petitions of GMT and LRES, and asks the Commission to please move those dockets forward as efficiently and promptly as possible, in order for the project timelines to be met, which will result in project cost savings and meeting a completion date which permits service to be connected early Fall, 2017.

On behalf of our City Council and our residents, I thank you for your time and consideration in considering expedited review in both of these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra J. Froemming". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'S' and a prominent 'F'.

Sandra Froemming
Mayor of Parkers Prairie