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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Petition for Approval of Firm Transportation Agreement  
Docket No. PL6580/M-16-1026

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC ("GMT") received a copy of the attached letter from the Lower Sioux Indian Community that we believe was submitted to your office in hard copy. My review of the electronic docket materials indicates that the Community's letter has not yet made its way to the e-docket. In light of the fact that this docket is scheduled for consideration by the Commission at next Tuesday's Agenda Meeting, I am submitting the letter herewith for inclusion in the electronic docket.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSMISSION, LLC

/s/

Kristine A. Anderson  
Corporate Attorney

cc: Lower Sioux Indian Community  
Service Lists (16-1026 & 16-214)



# Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
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RE: Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Firm Transportation Agreement with United Natural Gas, LLC, a subsidiary of United Farmers Cooperative  
Docket No. PL6580/M-16-1026

Dear Mr. Wolf,

The Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota ("Community") respectfully requests that the Minnesota PUC expedite the review and approval the Greater Minnesota Gas Inc. ("GMG") petition described above. We appreciate that the Minnesota Department Staff have reviewed the petition and recommend that the Commission approve the agreement as filed.

On January 18, 2017, we entered into a Firm Service Agreement with United Natural Gas ("UNG") to bring natural gas to the Community government and commercial buildings initially. Eventually, we plan for our Community members and new businesses to use natural gas.

Our Community businesses and government buildings have used propane for years. We have also looked at other energy options over the years. Our challenges to other energy options include our limited land base, economic resources, and that local natural gas sources are no longer available. We finally found an access opportunity working with GMG.

The Community has known for some time that it needs to diversify economically and have made attempts to do so. However, the Community is challenged to attract businesses because of the lack of natural gas as an energy option. The Community just completed a strategic plan for the Community and is beginning the process to develop an economic development strategic plan. The process and research confirm that new businesses want natural gas as their energy source. The Community Council finds this to be a great opportunity which will provide short term and long term benefits for the Community.

On behalf of our Community members, thank you for your consideration of our request to expedite the approval of the above referenced petition. It is critical to the future of our Community to have natural gas available on our lands. Please contact our President Robert Larsen, Vice President Brian Pendleton or Legal Counsel Lenor Scheffler Blaeser if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Pendleton".

Lower Sioux Indian Community Council

