

October 17, 2017

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

RE: The Joint Request of North Star Electric Cooperative and the City of Warroad to Modify Electric Service Territory Boundaries

Docket No. E129, E324/SA-17-141

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) is aware that the parties, including the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, have been in settlement discussions, which is the reason for the most recent three extension requests. Since the three Parties have not informed the Department regarding the status of the settlement discussions, the Department will not file substantive Comments today. In the event the Parties do file Comments on October 17, 2017, the Department will file Reply Comments by November 8, 2017.

Sincerely,

/s/ DALE V. LUSTI Financial Analyst

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