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

Re: In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Rider for Boswell Unit 4 Emission Reduction (BEC4 Rider) and 2018 Factor **Docket No. E015/M-18-264**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On May 16, 2018, the Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources ("Department") submitted Initial Comments in the above-referenced Docket. The Department states in their Initial Comments, "...the Department **supports** MP's request to zero-out the rider sub-factor, effective June 1, 2018 or on the first day of the month following Commission approval, whichever is later, on a provisional basis prior to the Commission's final determination in the instant docket." Minnesota Power agrees with the Department's comments.

Minnesota Power appreciates the time and work of the Department and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Staff in the regulatory review process and looks forward to a Commission hearing on this issue.

Please contact me at (218) 355-3601 or <u>lhoyum@mnpower.com</u> with any questions related to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Susan Romans of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 1st day of **June**, 2018 she served Minnesota Power's Comment in **Docket No.** E015/M-18-264 on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Commerce via electronic filing. The persons Minnesota Power's General Service List were served as requested.

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