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MEMORANDUM

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Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioners,

RE: CenterPoint Energy' proposal docket number G-008/M-18-547

CenterPoint Energy filed a proposal with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), seeking approval to introduce a renewable natural gas (RNG) green tariff pilot program to its Minnesota customers. Staff at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) encourage the MPUC to approve the RNG Green tariff program requested by CenterPoint Energy.

We think a program like this will help to raise awareness among Minnesota residents about renewable energy options they can support in Minnesota.

Currently the MWMO is engaged in a waste to energy anaerobic digester initiative that would demonstrate the social, environmental and economic benefits that result from the integrated management of energy, water, and food systems. This CenterPoint Energy program and potentially future programs could raise Minnesota consumers' awareness of the importance of RNG as clean alternative energy and create opportunities for future local RNG markets.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments,

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