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Docket #: 18-702

To Whom It May Concern:

The request from Xcel Energy to purchase the Mankato Energy Center from Southern Company has the support of the City of Mankato. Xcel Energy has been a trusted partner in the community who is a highly respected leader in our business region, and has been a stable employer for many years. The purchase of the Mankato Energy Center to Xcel Energy will be a win for the Mankato region.

The environmental benefits of the water reclamation project and the treatment of the water prior to discharging into the Minnesota River is a colossal benefit to the region and waters of Minnesota.

The ability to safely and reliably protect the natural gas pipeline that supplies the gas to the Mankato Energy Facility is something Xcel Energy will be able to continue to do well. This is part of their existing business. The City of Mankato supports the Xcel Energy's ownership of the natural gas pipeline providing natural gas to the Mankato Energy Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Hentges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patrick Hentges  
City Manager