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

RE: Docket No. G004/MR-19-512

Reply Comments to the Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce,

Division of Energy Resources

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., herewith electronically files its reply comments to the Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) filed on October 14, 2019.

Great Plains appreciates the Department's analysis of the Company's interim base cost of gas filing. The Department recommended a modification to the redlined tariffs and recommends the Commission approve Great Plains' petition with that modification. Great Plains agrees with the Departments recommendation.

The Department also recommended that the Commission require Great Plains to update its cost of gas information in this proceeding and the Company's general rate case in Docket No. GR-19-511 and work with Commission staff to establish the appropriate timing of the update. Great Plains agrees with the Department's recommendation.

If you have any questions regarding these reply comments, please contact me at (701) 222-7856, or Brian Meloy, at (612) 335-1451.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tamie A. Aberle

Tamie A. Aberle Director of Regulatory Affairs