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

RE: Answer of Intervenor Friends of the Headwaters to the December 17, 2020 Petition for Reconsideration of Order Denying Motion for Stay Pending Appeal filed by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the White Earth Band of Ojibwe

PUC Docket Nos. PL-9/CN-14-916; PL-9/PPL-15-137

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

This letter is to advise you and the members of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission that intervenor Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) supports the petition for reconsideration of the December 17, 2020 order denying the Motion for Stay Pending Appeal filed by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the White Earth Band of Ojibwe ("the Bands").

FOH supports the petition for reconsideration for the same reasons it articulated in its previous answer to the Bands' original motion for a stay, and for the reasons stated in the Bands' petition for reconsideration, and incorporates each of those arguments into this answer.

Given the exigencies of the situation, FOH respectfully requests that the PUC expedite its decision on the Bands' petition. FOH thanks you for already expediting the time for answers and for putting this on the PUC's meeting agenda for December 23.



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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Scott Strand

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