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Mr. Will Seuffert  
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RE: Docket No. G999/CI-18-41  
Reply Comments to the Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce,  
Division of Energy Resources Commission Investigation into Natural Gas  
Utilities' Practices, Tariffs, and Assignment of Cost Responsibility for Installation  
of Excess Flow Valves and Other Similar Gas Safety Equipment.

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

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 July 16, 2020.

In its July 16<sup>th</sup> Comments, the Department stated it expects to recommend approval of Great Plains' March 31, 2020 Compliance Report after Great Plains provides in its Reply Comments an update to the Company's December 18, 2018 Compliance Report and March 28, 2019 Reply Comments as it relates to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's August 20, 2018 Order (2018 Order) Paragraphs 7 a through c.

The Company provides the following update to the customer counts that fall into the categories noted in the 2018 Ordering Paragraph 7 a.

		12/18/18 Report	7/27/20 Reply Comments
a-b.	K-12 public and non-public schools	36	35
c.	Public and private universities and colleges	10	10
d.	Hospitals	29	29
e.	Multi-unit residential and nursing facilities	256	256
		331	330

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 7 b, Great Plains' incremental costs related to face-to-face meetings with the identified customer categories have been minimal. At this time, the Company does not anticipate significant costs for the communication plan in the future.

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 7 c, Great Plains continues to request that the Commission consider any incremental costs due to the additional requirements that may be identified as the plan continues to be executed to be recoverable through the Company's Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Adjustment (GUIC) as an option mentioned in the 2018 Order Paragraph 7 c.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Travis R. Jacobson at (701) 222-7855, or Brian Meloy, at (612) 335-1451.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Travis R. Jacobson*

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