

**MPUC Docket No. E-6472-/M-05-1993**

**OAH Docket No. 12-2500-17260-2**

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BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

100 Washington Square, Suite 1700  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138

FOR THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

127 7th Place East, Suite 350  
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In the Matter of the Petition of Excelsior Energy Inc.  
and Its Wholly-Owned Subsidiary MEP-I, LLC For Approval of Terms and  
Conditions For The Sale of Power From Its Innovative Energy Project  
Using Clean Energy Technology Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1694 and a  
Determination That the Clean Energy Technology Is Or Is Likely To Be a  
Least-Cost Alternative Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1693

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**PREPARED SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF**

**EXCELSIOR ENERGY INC.**

**RICHARD STONE**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

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**Q Please state your name, current employment position and business address.**

A Richard Stone, Senior Vice President, Development and Engineering for Excelsior Energy Inc. My business address is Excelsior Energy Inc., Crescent Ridge Corporate Center, 11100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 305, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305.

**Q Would you please describe your educational and professional background?**

A I have over 35 years of experience in the electric power industry and 20 years of experience in the competitive power industry. Before joining Excelsior in August 2006, I was vice president of business development for Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. While employed by Wheelabrator Technologies, I was responsible for developing and acquiring new projects and restructuring existing projects. Prior to Wheelabrator, I was the president of Westmoreland Coal Company's independent power development company, based in Colorado Springs, and vice president of business development for CogenAmerica, a publicly-traded independent power producer based in Minnetonka. Before obtaining my competitive power experience, I had an 18-year career with Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation in Boston. I have a degree in chemical engineering from the University of New Hampshire and am a member of the Chemical Engineering Department's Advisory Board.

1     **Q    On whose behalf are you testifying?**

2     A            I am testifying on behalf of Excelsior Energy Inc. (“Excelsior”).

3     Scope and Summary

4     **Q    What is the scope of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5     A            The sole purpose of my testimony is to incorporate the Supplemental  
6     Testimony and corresponding exhibits filed in this docket on June 19, 2006 by Michael  
7     Wadley, who is no longer at Excelsior.

8     **Q.   What have you done to prepare this testimony?**

9     A.            I have reviewed Section IV of Excelsior's original Petition filed  
10    December 27, 2005 and the Supplemental Testimony (and the subsections of Section IV  
11    referenced therein) of Michael Wadley filed in this docket June 19, 2006. In addition,  
12    since joining Excelsior, I have worked closely with Excelsior and ConocoPhillips  
13    personnel on the development and engineering for the Mesaba project, and in particular  
14    on the topics addressed in the following Subsections of Section IV, among others:

- 15                1.     Subsection A: Proposed Project, Developer and Support.
- 16                2.     Subsection B: Description of the Proposed Project.
- 17                3.     Subsection C: Technology Selection & Process Description.
- 18                4.     Subsection D: Resource Inputs.
- 19                5.     Subsection F: Pollution Prevention, Recycling and Reuse Plans.
- 20                6.     Subsection G: Project Schedule And Description of Project Phases.
- 21                7.     Subsection H: Labor and Construction Manpower Requirements.
- 22                8.     Subsection J: Natural Gas Pipeline Routing.
- 23                9.     Subsection K: Water Resources.

1                    10.     Subsection L: Fuel Supply Strategy.

2     Based on this preparation, I am available to answer any questions related to the  
3     Subsections of Section IV identified above.

4     Conclusion

5     **Q     Does this conclude your prepared supplemental testimony?**

6     A            Yes.