BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

LeRoy Koppendrayer David C. Boyd Marshall Johnson Phyllis Reha Thomas Pugh Chair Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

In the Matter of a Petition by Excelsior Energy, Inc. for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement under Minn. Stat. §216B.1694, and Determination of Least Cost Technology and Establishment of a Clean Energy Minimum Under Minn. Stat. §216B.1693.

MPUC Docket: E/6472/M-05-1993

OAH Docket: 2500-17260-2

MCGP's MOTION TO STRIKE DEPT. OF COMMERCE FILING

The Department of Commerce filed "Comments" long after the record has closed. "Comments" at this time are not authorized by the rules and MCGP requests that it be stricken from the record.

The record in this proceeding closed in November, 2006, and was returned to the Commission by letter of the ALJs on April 24, 2007. On July 27, 2007, at 2:34 p.m., Ed Garvey, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, filed "Comments" addressed directly to Chair Koppendrayer and the Commissioners and served it on all parties. These "Comments" are unauthorized by the rules. This "Comment" of Gov. Pawlenty's appointee repeatedly reiterated the Governor's support for the project, and it was sent to the Governor's appointed Public Utilities Commission. It has been filed, presumably also filed on eDockets (though the system is down, has been for a week¹), and mailed to parties.

MCGP requests that this unauthorized submission be stricken from the record.

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¹ The eDockets system for the Mesaba Project, and apparently not other dockets, has been "down" for over a week, only documents filed prior to October, 2006. It is inaccessible to the public, media, and other interested parties.

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Signed and sworn to before me this 30th day of July, 2007.

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2009