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Commissioners:

Ms. Stanley just recalled the message I am forwarding below. However, I assume I am not the only one who has already opened and read it, so we may still get a flood of e-mails. . .

The following message was sent to the (hundreds?) of names listed below. Not sure why I am on the list. It is possible that the Commissioners will be deluged with e-mails. If anyone has suggestions on how to handle this, let us know.

It is technically way past the close of the public comment period and the close of the record. We have occasionally, although not often, had a rush of pro or con e-mails/post cards right before a Commission decision. (MERP comes to mind.)

Janet G.

Subject: UPCOMING PUC HEARING - COULD YOU SEND AN EMAIL FOR US?

Hello everyone – as you know, our hearing before the Public Utilities Commission is next Tuesday, July 31.

We've been working hard to prepare, and as you've seen by our recent announcements, the Project itself is shaping up quickly. We have passed a lot of milestones this summer, including getting our transmission interconnection agreement signed so our output will be deliverable throughout MISO, getting site control of our second site, kicking off the final phase of engineering before construction starts, and nearing the date our joint state/federal EIS will be published. But, now is crunch time – you have been so helpful and supportive in the past, but I would like to ask you to do one more thing before the hearing – please email the PUC Commissioners and express your support for the Mesaba Project. Just a few sentences in your own words would be extremely helpful. Here are the email addresses for the Commissioners: ***Please reference The Mesaba Energy Project PPA Docket No. 05-1993***

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Please do not hesitate to contact Pat Micheletti at 651-214-5184 or me at 218-245-1205 if you have any further questions. As always, thank you so much for your continuing support!

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Subject: UPCOMING PUC HEARING - COULD YOU SEND AN EMAIL FOR US?

Hello everyone – as you know, our hearing before the Public Utilities Commission is next Tuesday, July 31.

We've been working hard to prepare, and as you've seen by our recent announcements, the Project itself is shaping up quickly. We have passed a lot of milestones this summer, including getting our transmission interconnection agreement signed so our output will be deliverable throughout MISO, getting site control of our second site, kicking off the final phase of engineering before construction starts, and nearing the date our joint state/federal EIS will be published. But, now is crunch time – you have been so helpful and supportive in the past, but I would like to ask you to do one more thing before the hearing – please email the PUC Commissioners and express your support for the Mesaba Project. Just a few sentences in your own words would be extremely helpful. Here are the email addresses for the Commissioners: ***Please reference The Mesaba Energy Project PPA Docket No. 05-1993***

LeRoy.Koppendrayer@state.mn.us; Phyllis.Reha@state.mn.us; Marshall.Johnson@state.mn.us;
Tom.Pugh@state.mn.us; David.C.Boyd@state.mn.us

Please do not hesitate to contact Pat Micheletti at 651-214-5184 or me at 218-245-1205 if you have any further questions. As always, thank you so much for your continuing support!

Leanne Stanley
Public Affairs Representative

From: Janet Gonzalez
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2007 12:35 PM
To: Commissioners mail; Burl
Cc: Alison Archer - AG Office; Mary Swoboda; Ronnie Slager; Susan Mackenzie; Marc Fournier; Bret; Bob Cupit
Subject: FW: More on Mesaba PPA e-mail issue . .

The e-mail below was just sent by Ms. Archer, trying to call off the e-mails. We will see if it works!

I would suggest that Mary S. and Ronnie divert any e-mails sent to Commissioners and keep a count. (I assume 99.99% of them would be “pro” Maybe Mary and Ronnie could glance at them very quickly to see, and note it in the count.) Commission’s could see the e-mails if they want to, but it would likely be a waste of their time.

Janet G.

From: Leanne Stanley [mailto:LeanneS@excelsiorenergy.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2007 12:11 PM
Subject:

Hi –

Please disregard the email you received from me earlier today. It was sent in error. Please do not send any emails to any of the people listed in my earlier email request. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by my earlier message.

Thank you,
Leanne Stanley
Public Affairs Representative

From: Robert Smith [mailto:TL-EC-CP@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2007 3:43 PM
To: LeRoy Koppendrayner; Phyllis Reha; Marshall Johnson; Tom Pugh; David Boyd
Subject: PUC to approve

July 26, 2007

Lady & Gents of the Minnesota Public Utility Commission. Attached is my official document in support of PPA Docket No. 05-1993

RE: The reason for my support of **Docket numbers: 05-1993 is based upon experience and proven technology. DOE**

The Mesaba Energy Project PPA Docket No. 05-1993

Excelsior Energy. They care about the environment enough to take the national lead in the type of new coal fired power plants being recommended by DOE as the best available technology. Excelsior Energy has some of the finest Power Industry people in the world working with them. The management team assures everyone of a clean air initiative.

IGCC technology began in 1930 yet the first gasifier patent went to Lurgi GmbH in Germany in 1887. In 2000 IGCC became the established coal plant option by the NETL (National Energy Technology Laboratory) and international engineering firms.

I support this plant in Minnesota because it is being set up to make Minnesota strong for many years and is **proven technology**. The strategic plan for a Power solid Minnesota is ready. **I am certain the PUC and Excelsior Energy will find common ground to begin the first of 6 plants designed to meet the demand of the MISO system in NERC region 5, MAPP.**

An inconvenient truth is that the Mesaba Energy project follows the steps of the **environmental prophet Al Gore**. To burn black coal and get near zero emissions requires talent, skill, engineering know how and experience. Let the sleeping giant AWAKEN! (Mesaba means sleeping giant). Let Excelsior Energy begin the build !

It should be noted that my career includes writing specifications for the emission control systems of coal-fired power plants through owners, engineers and design teams.

BIG CRY: Over 50% of America's energy is provided by coal. Don't run to green, make coal work for us please Mr./Mrs/M/s Public Utility Commission. Let the department of energy money flow freely in Minnesota. We need it for a better future!

Excelsior Energy builds the bridge of a cleaner environment as we the responsible citizen of Minnesota walk over that which we just built. [Vote Yes for Excelsior Energy.](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read these important words. We all want a clean future!

Best Regards

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The problems we face cannot be solved with the same level of thinking with which we created them. Albert Einstein

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sen.David Tomassoni [mailto:Sen.David.Tomassoni@senate.mn]

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 9:50 AM

To: David Boyd; LeRoy Koppendrayer; Marshall Johnson; Phyllis Reha; Tom Pugh

Subject: Mesaba Energy Project

Dear Commissioners: The Mesaba Energy Project will be before the commission on Tuesday, July 31st. The enabling legislation was signed into law by Governor Pawlenty in 2003. The merits of the project are very obvious and the the need for a new, clean, cost effective, safe, and reliable source of baseload power is evident. IGCC technology will utilize America's most abundant resource, coal, and the deployment of this technology will go a long way to meet the future needs of this state and this country. It will also reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy and ensure that other sources of power, such as natural gas will not end up costing so much that we can't afford to heat our homes anymore.

I wholeheartedly support this project as it not only will help Minnesota meet future energy needs it will also create several thousand jobs in the construction phase and at least 100 permanent jobs in the long term...the spin-off jobs will be a minimum of two to one. In addition, as old, dirty coal plants get shut down, a new and clean technology will be necessary. IGCC is that technology and as this technology evolves it will only get better. But we have to build the first one.

This innovative technology is supported by state law and the governor, and has received DOE backing as well as IRRRB and State Funding. It's been 4 years since the law passed. It's time we get a shovel in the ground and get this project moving.

So it is with great pleasure that I once again add my support to the Mesaba Energy Project and urge you to add yours, also.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Tomassoni
State Senator
District 5

From: Archer, Alison [mailto:Alison.Archer@state.mn.us]

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 2:28 PM

To: David Boyd

Subject: Mesaba Emails

Kari mentioned that you received some emails regarding Mesaba. Please forward them to Ronnie or Mary, as they are compiling them.

Thanks.

Alison C. Archer
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From: David Boyd
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 2:29 PM
To: Alison Archer - AG Office
Subject: RE: Mesaba Emails

Will do. Thanks Alison.

From: Archer, Alison [mailto:Alison.Archer@state.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 2:28 PM
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From: Burl
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:47 AM
To: Commissioners mail; Janet Gonzalez; Susan MacKenzie; Marc Fournier; Deborah Motz
Subject: FW: Excelsior Energy Docket No. E-6472/M-05-1993-Phase I

From: Mike Andrews [mailto:mandrews@itascadv.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:44 AM
To: Burl
Subject: Excelsior Energy Docket No. E-6472/M-05-1993-Phase I

Mr. Burl Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E., Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Dear Mr. Haar,

This email is in support for the Mesaba Energy Project. I grew up within a mile and a half of the proposed site. Both sides of my family worked in the iron mines located less than half a mile from the site. They are all gone now, but they would have whole-heartedly supported this project.

They worked hard in the mines to earn a living while enjoying this vacationland we call home. They supported the United States through both military service and with iron for making steel. The Mesaba Project is an opportunity for this area to lead the U.S. in energy independence through clean coal technology... the best in the world!

If all the existing coal fired plants In the world were converted to the technology of the Mesaba Project we would have a much healthier planet. My wife and I currently live in Blackberry Minnesota which is about ten miles downwind from the proposed plant. We have a major gas line within a half mile from our home; and a MN Power transmission line cutting diagonally across our property within 100 feet from our house. Yet we have a bounty of wildlife including bald eagles, deer, ducks, heron, fox, etc. that are seen on a daily basis.

We enjoy the great outdoors and don't want to see it destroyed. We live with industry. We live with utilities. We live with people. We live with nature. We see the Mesaba Project as positive for the area and for our planet.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Andrews