



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 5, 2006

Sheryl Corrigan, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
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Dear Commissioner Corrigan:

RE: MPUC Docket No. E-6472/M-05-1993
OAH Docket No. 12-2500-1760-2


On December 27, 2005, Excelsior Energy Inc. filed a petition with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission asking the Commission to make findings under Minn. Stat. §§216B.1693 and 216B.1694 with respect to Excelsior's proposed Mesaba Energy Project, which will use integrated gasification combined-cycle (IGCC) technology.

On April 25, 2006, the Commission issued its *Notice and Order for Hearing and Granting Intervention Petition* in this matter. In that Order, the Commission requested that its Executive Secretary ask the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for its assistance in addressing the technical and environmental issues in this case.

One of the factors the Commission must consider under Minn. Stat. §216B.1694 is the emission reductions achieved by the proposed IGCC plant compared to other solid fuel baseload technologies. The Commission would appreciate the knowledge and expertise of MPCA staff in these proceedings to help develop the record on this and related environmental issues.

Please feel free to discuss this matter with me or Janet Gonzalez (651-202-2231) of the Commission staff.

Sincerely,


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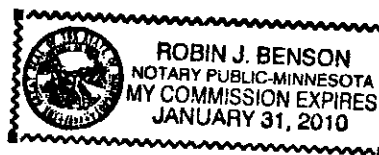
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