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Public Utilities Commission Regulated Energy Infrastructure Project Applicants and Permittees:

Re: Ongoing Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) unit will continue the following operations:

- Review of permit applications
- Preparation of environmental documents
- Review of compliance filings

Any questions regarding these services should be addressed to your EERA environmental review manager. Email is our preferred form of communication at this time. If needed, however, telephone inquiries can be made to Louise Miltich at (651) 539-1853.

Per standard procedures, EERA will look to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for decisions regarding procedural changes, including delays or postponements of agenda meetings, public meetings, or hearings, as well as decisions regarding use of alternate meeting formats to meet regulatory requirements. Similarly, EERA will rely on Commission staff to make determinations regarding any procedural modifications requested by applicants and permittees, such as delays, postponements, or variance of compliance filing requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Louise I Miltich

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