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I was at the public meeting in Hoyt Lakes on Wednesday, November 28th, 2007 regarding Mesaba Energy Project. (PUC Docket # E6472/GS-06-668). I personally am in favor of the building of this facility in Hoyt Lakes for the following reasons:

(1.) Primarily, this will be a state-of-the-art plant with low emissions and energy re-capture to make maximum use of all heat release. Bi-product sulphur will be sequestered and sold on the market and not allowed to blow up the stacks. Mercury emissions, we are told, will be held to a minimum and also captured as much as possible. I can't speak for all the local residents, but I think we should give this modern high-efficiency plant a chance to prove itself. It would be nice not to have to burn anything for energy, but until that day arrives, using technology to minimize pollution and maximize energy capture is the best option to plants that do not have these controls.

(2.) Of course, creation of jobs is important, both construction and long-term in the facility. Major employers like this will benefit the entire local economy. Spin-off industries will result and a tax-base shared by industry takes the pressure off from the average homeowner/taxpayer.

(3.) Also, local residents here are not overly concerned about any "visual blight" the plant may cause, We already have an electrical-energy plant on our skyline, and knowing that this one burns much cleaner is a positive thought.

Sincerely,

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