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Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**RE: Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Energy Facility Permitting Staff on the Wapsipinicon Wind Project**

Docket No. IP6646/WS-07-839

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting Staff in the following matter:

The Application of enXco Development Corporation for a Site Permit for the 205.5-Megawatt Wapsipinicon Wind Project, which includes the Grand Meadow Wind Farm in Mower County in southeastern Minnesota.

The Department is also providing you with:

- A. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions
- B. DOC EFP Staff Exhibit List
- C. Proposed Site Permit

The DOC EFP staff recommends approval of the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions that grant a site permit and approval of the EFP staff proposed site permit to enXco Development Corporation for only the first phase of the 205.5-Megawatt Wapsipinicon Wind Project, which is the 100.5-Megawatt Grand Meadow Wind Farm, which will be purchased by Northern States Power Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Excel Energy.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ LARRY B. HARTMAN
DOC EFP Staff

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Attachment

