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Mr. David Birkholz
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Department of Commerce
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Re: EDF Renewable Energy
Stoneray Wind Farm
PUC Docket Number: IP-6646/WS-13-216

Dear Mr. Birkholz:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Stoneray Wind Farm project (Project) Site Permit Application, located in Pipestone and Murray counties, Minnesota. Regarding matters for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has regulatory responsibility and other interests, the MPCA staff has the following comments for your consideration.

- As you are aware, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Construction Stormwater Permit (CSW Permit) is required for this Project. We recommend you utilize the MPCA Special Waters and Impaired Waters Search mapping tool to identify special or impaired waters located near proposed projects. The mapping tool is located on the MPCA website at: http://pca-gis02.pca.state.mn.us/CSW/index.html. Please note that the new CSW Permit became official on August 1, 2013. The new permit has significantly more stringent requirements for permanent stormwater treatment than the current permit in situations regulated under Appendix A of the permit (within a mile of special or impaired waters). It also affects projects not regulated under Appendix A (projects outside of the one mile radius from impaired or special waters), for which there will now be required treatment for 1 inch of runoff, as opposed to 0.5 inches, per acre of new impervious surface. Information on the new CSW Permit is available on the MPCA website at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/y3dqf96. Questions regarding CSW Permit requirements should be directed to Roberta Getman at 507-206-2629.

Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the

responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this Project, please contact Karen Kromar of my staff by email at karen.kromar@state.mn.us or by telephone at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,

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