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**Via E-filing**

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**RE: Mankato Energy Center II, LLC's Application for a Site Permit for the  
Proposed 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center  
Docket No. IP IP-6949/GS-15-620**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Mankato Energy Center II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Calpine Corporation, respectfully submits an Application for a Site Permit (Application) for the 345 MW expansion of the existing Mankato Energy Center (Expansion Project). As previously described in Mankato Energy's June 29, 2015 Notice of Intent to file the Application under the alternative site permitting process, the existing facility is a 375 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle generating facility located in the City of Mankato, Minnesota. The Expansion Project would result in an incremental 345 MW of integrated combined-cycle and peaking capacity, as measured under winter conditions, located entirely within the Mankato Energy Center's existing 25-acre footprint.

The Application was completed and is being submitted pursuant to the alternative permitting process for large electric power generating facilities that use natural gas, as provided in Minnesota Statute § 216E.04, Subd. 2. As required in Minnesota Rules 7850.2100, a notification to the general list, local officials, and adjacent property owners will be submitted within 15 days of this site permit application submittal.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email at (713) 570-4829 and [hwhidden@calpine.com](mailto:hwhidden@calpine.com), respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Heidi M. Whidden'.

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Director, Environmental Services, East Region

c: Raymond Kirsch, Minnesota Department of Commerce (via email and hardcopy)  
Internal Mankato Expansion Team (via email)