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Mr. James Larson  
Faribault Energy Park  
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Suite 300  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

RE: Acceptance of Site Permit Application  
Faribault Energy Park (FEP)  
Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota  
EQB Docket #02-48-PPS-FEP

Dear Mr. Larson:

On September 9, 2003, Faribault Energy Park, LLC (FEP) filed an application with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) regarding a 250 MW combined-cycle large electric power generating plant (LEPGP) proposed to be located in the city of Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.

MEQB staff has reviewed your application and has recommended that I find your application consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 4400.1150 and that the application will be reviewed pursuant to the Full Permitting Review process procedures (Minnesota Rules, part 4400.1025).

Based upon the MEQB staff recommendation and my review, I am accepting the FEP application with the understanding that the deficiencies noted by the MEQB staff will be addressed promptly.

Based on the lack of public inquiry and the anticipated non-controversial nature of the proposed project, I have decided not to appoint a citizen advisory task force for this project.

Mr. William Cole Storm will be the MEQB's staff project manager for this project and you can direct any future questions to him. Mr. Larry Hartman of the MEQB staff will serve as the public advisor for this project. We look forward to working with FEP to fully address any issues that may be raised in review of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schroeder, Chair  
Environmental Quality Board