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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar Street  
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RE: Faribault Energy Park, LLC, Docket #02-48-PPS-FEP  
Environmental Impact Statement  
Scoping Document

Dear Mr. Storm:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the draft scope for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that the EQB will prepare for the proposed Faribault Energy Park Proposal. With the following additions, which we have previously discussed, the proposed scope appears sufficient from a natural resources management perspective.

#### Section 8.0 Identification of Permits

The table does not list potential DNR permits. At a minimum, a water appropriation permit will be required for the project. We recommend the project proposer contact DNR Area Hydrologist Randy Bradt at (507)333-2051 to begin discussions on monitoring, testing, or other issues associated with a withdrawal of this magnitude. It is also possible a Public Waters Work Permit would be required if any work associated with the project (i.e., discharge to a public water, installation of intake/discharge pipes, etc.) occurs below the Ordinary High Water Level of a Public water.

#### Section 4.0, E. Biological Resources

This section of the EIS should indicate that a review of the DNR Heritage Database has been completed, and include the results of the review. I noticed in reviewing the Site Permit Application that this information was not included in the discussion of Rare and Unique Natural Resources (page 6-2) nor is the DNR's comment letter included in Appendix D, along with the US Fish & Wildlife Service correspondence.

#### Section 4.0. O. Water

The proposed project will consume an enormous amount of water. The Scoping Document appropriately identifies a number of water-related issues that will be addressed, including water requirements, well interference, and floodplain. The EIS also should discuss water availability in the area, the eventual disposition of the appropriated water, i.e., how much will be consumed, how much will be discharged, and any opportunities for conservation or re-use.

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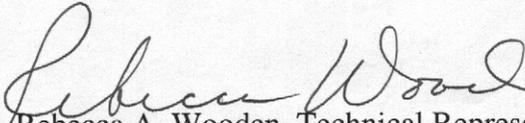
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. I look forward to receiving the Draft EIS when completed. Please contact me with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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