



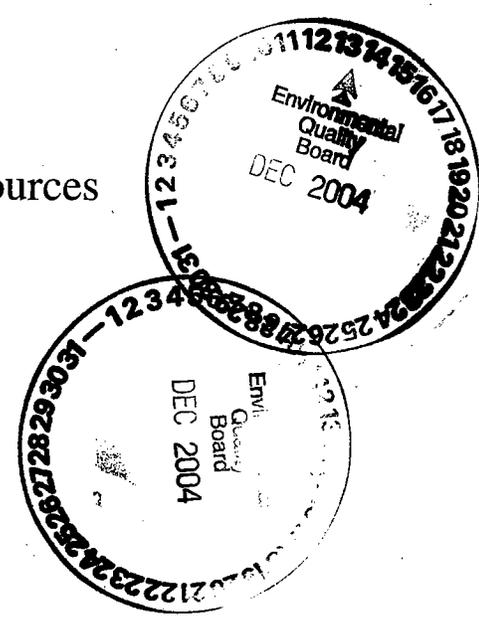
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December 8, 2004

Honorable Judge Katherine Sheehy
Office of Administrative Hearings
100 Washington Avenue, Suite 1700
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2138

RE: Cannon Falls Energy Center
Docket #04-85-PPS-Cannon Falls EC
Environmental Assessment



Dear Judge Sheehy:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Cannon Falls Energy Center In Cannon Falls, Goodhue County. With respect to potential impacts to natural resources, and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §116C.575 subd.6, the DNR offers the following comment,

Minnesota Statutes §116C.61

Minnesota Statutes §116C.61, Subdivision 3 requires state agencies authorized to issue permits for construction of large electric power generating plants (LEPGPs) to state whether the site, and other design matters, under consideration for approval by the Environmental Quality Board will be in compliance with agency standards, rules or policies. Project construction and operation will not require a permit from the DNR. Project construction and operation will be in compliance with DNR's standards, rules and policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. Please contact me, or Matt Langan of my staff (#651-297-3359), with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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