



May 20, 2004

Mr. William Cole Storm, CHMM
Project Manager
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
300 Centennial Office Bldg.
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: CON and Site Permit Application for the Proposed Blue Lake Power Plant
Expansion – Location of the Gas Pipeline

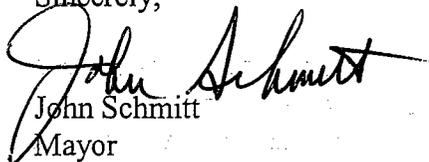
Dear Mr. Storm:

I am writing to inform you of the action taken by the Shakopee City Council on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 relative to the alignment and location of the proposed 16" gas pipeline that would supply the proposed new gas turbines at the Blue Lake Generating Plant. The Council voted unanimously to support the position of Jackson Township Board, i.e. support for the alignment that would continue north from Zumbro Avenue, then turn east at STH 169.

The City of Shakopee does have a few related concerns. First, the City believes that Xcel Energy will work with the City of Shakopee and Jackson Township on utilities and streets as development occurs in the area. This coordination would include the minimizing of pipeline conflicts and/or relocations and possible contributions of Xcel towards required relocations of the gas pipeline. Second, Xcel Energy should be encouraged to work more closely with both Jackson Township and individual property owners whose lands will be impacted by the location of the gas pipeline.

Please feel free to contact either me, City Administrator Mark McNeill, or Community Development Director Michael Leek if you have any questions regarding this letter or related issues.

Sincerely,


John Schmitt
Mayor

CC. Jackson Township Board of Supervisor

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