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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request for Approval by **Great Plains Natural Gas** for approval to change its portfolio of pipeline services used to serve its Southern District customers and Northern District customers directly connected to (and served by) Viking Transmission Company and approval of the associated PGA cost recovery as filed

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

**Approved the requested demand entitlement levels and proposed recovery of costs associated with the requested demand entitlement levels effective November 1, 1996, allowed the Company to recover such costs in its monthly PGA beginning December 1, 1996, granted the Company a variance under Minn. Rules, part 7829.3200, and accepted Great Plains reassignment of its 246 Mcf/day contract with Great Lakes Transmission Company to TransCanada Gas Services, as shown in the Department's comments dated December 4, 1996 and January 9, 1997.**

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Public Service

which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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