

DATE: February 10, 2009
TO: Governor Tim Pawlenty
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SUBJECT: January Revenue Collections

Net general fund revenues totaled \$1.480 billion in January, \$1.5 million (0.1 percent), less than forecast. Fiscal year-to-date revenues are now below the forecast by \$132.6 million.

MONTHLY RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 2009
 (\$ Millions)

	<u>Est.</u>	<u>Act.</u>	<u>Var.</u>
INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX	\$903.6	\$891.3	\$-12.3
SALES TAX	432.3	449.2	16.9
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	21.8	14.4	-7.4
MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	5.6	8.9	3.3
OTHER REVENUE	<u>117.8</u>	<u>115.8</u>	<u>-2.0</u>
TOTAL	\$1,481.1	\$1,479.6	\$-1.5

Monthly revenue variances should always be interpreted with great caution. All results are preliminary and subject to revision. Refunds and miscellaneous payments, items which follow an irregular time path, often show variances which do not necessarily reflect a change in current economic activity. For example, sales tax refunds in January were \$25 million less than forecast producing a positive sales tax variance even though sales tax collections for purchases in December were below forecast. A more complete report covering the November, December and January receipts will be included in the Department of Finance's *February Forecast*.

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