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Mr. Bob Patton
Ag Marketing & Development Division
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
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St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

RE: Environmental Assessment Worksheet
Fairmont Power Plant, Fairmont, MN

Dear Mr. Patton:

Thank you for the recent correspondence regarding the proposed improvements to the Fairmont Power Plant. On behalf of Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA), we would like to inform you that we have no objection with the reassignment of the RGU status from the EQB to the MPCA.

Based on Mr. Aasen's email on September 12, we understand that the MPCA is willing to accept RGU responsibility if the EQB is willing to approve the redesignation. If acceptable to all parties, SMMPA will resubmit the EAW data portion (draft EAW) to the MPCA, along with our air quality permit application.

Please feel to contact Todd Machin of SMMPA at 507.292.6455 / ta.machin@smmpa.org or me at 952.540.4039 / tzipf@epinc.net with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mechanical Engineer

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