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Via Electronic Filing

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Excelsior Energy Inc. and MEP-I LLC for an Order Concerning Transmission Infrastructure Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1694,*
Docket No. E-6472/CN-07-1640

Dear Dr. Haar:

I am writing in response to the April 29, 2008 letter by Citizens Against the Mesaba Project (CAMP). In the letter, CAMP states that a paragraph at the top of page 3 of the Commission's April 18, 2008 Order in Docket No. E6472/M-07-1640 contains two factual errors about the Mesaba Energy Project. Although the statements in question are not relevant to substance of the April 18, 2008 Order, Excelsior does not object to correcting the relevant text. Excelsior respectfully provides the following "marked to show change" proposed edits to the paragraph in question for the Commission's consideration:

The Mesaba Project has shown early promise, resulting in significant public investment: a \$36,000,000 ~~grant~~ loan from the United States Department of Energy's Clean Coal Power Initiative, \$9,500,000 in loans from the Minnesota Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, a \$10,000,000 development grant from the Renewable Development Fund funded by Xcel ratepayers, and selection by the United States Department of Energy as one of 16 projects from a pool of 143 applicants to submit a final application for a federal loan guaranty for up to 80% of the Project's total costs \$800,000,000 in federal loan guarantees.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ *Byron E. Starnes*

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