



April 12, 2010

Mr. Kevin C. Leuer
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Re: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management correspondence dated March 19, 2010 in response to the City of Red Wing's correspondence dated March 10, 2010 to Northern States Power Company – Minnesota reiterating concerns in relation to executing the requested Letter of Agreement between the City of Red Wing and Northern States Power Company – Minnesota for Emergency Response Services (“Letter of Agreement”)

Dear Mr. Leuer:

The City Council and Mayor of Red Wing want to assure you that the City is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities with regard to the Prairie Island Emergency Plan for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The City takes its duties and obligations regarding public safety, welfare and health seriously and will meet its responsibilities to the best of its abilities.

We apologize for the confusion generated from the March 10, 2010 letter to Ms. Amy Hass from Council President Michael Schultz. This letter and the response to it dated March 19, 2010 from you to the Council President were discussed at the March 22, 2010 Council meeting. As a result of that discussion the City Council unanimously approved Mayor John Howe and Emergency Management Director Roger Hand to sign the Letter of Agreement between the City and Northern States Power for Emergency Response Services and the Verification of Plan Approval.

We appreciate the clarification, from your March 19th correspondence, of the commitment to maintain a high standard of “reasonable assurance” and look forward to further dialog with your Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Minnesota Legislature, the Nuclear Regulatory Agency and

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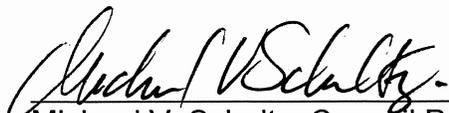
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the Federal Homeland Security and Emergency Management agency to further define the details and expectations of "reasonable assurance".

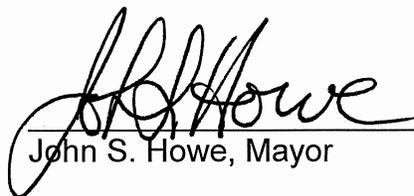
This discussion of expectations is essential and urgent, given the State's current fiscal dilemma. While the City is able to provide immediate response and meet its responsibilities at this time the City continues to have serious concerns about its future ability, as the City contemplates further staff and service cuts in 2011 that will continue to be at a reduced level for the foreseeable future.

We look forward to working with you and these agencies on how to resolve these concerns and would appreciate if you would coordinate a meeting of the agencies with the City of Red Wing.

Regards,



Michael V. Schultz, Council President



John S. Howe, Mayor

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