

June 22, 2009

Ms. Susan Thornton
Legislative-Citizen Commission on
Minnesota Resources
State Office Building Room 65
St Paul, MN 55155-1201

RE: Next Generation in Water Supply Management-Pilot Studies

Dear Ms. Thornton:

We often take water supply for granted until it is threatened, either by watermain breaks, contamination, or drought. The Moorhead Public Service Commission (Commission) encourages and supports the concept of sustainable water management and the development of long-term drought water supply planning. Moorhead Public Service (MPS) is the municipally-owned water, electric, and broadband utility in the city of Moorhead, Minnesota. The Commission has approved the support of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submittal for the project entitled "Next Generation in Water Supply Management-Pilot Studies," which is being proposed through the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. MPS is actively working with other water suppliers within the region in planning for long-term drought water supplies.

Moorhead uses both surface and groundwater sources as water supply, with the Red River of the North as our primary source of water. Our limited groundwater sources are used to meet peak demands and to supply water during periods of drought and poor water quality in the Red River of the North. Because of the important role groundwater sources plays for the residents of Moorhead, groundwater sources within Clay County must be protected and reserved to meet future demands during periods of prolonged drought in the Red River Valley. The development of an aquifer management plan will allow regional stakeholders, along with the DNR, to set priorities for the use of the groundwater resources in our region. Therefore, MPS has already committed to providing up to \$65,500 in staff time, equipment, and materials as in-kind services for the completion of this project and the development of a Clay County-Moorhead aquifer management plan.



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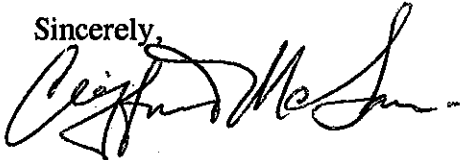
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The Commission has pledged support for, and would like to encourage you to support, the DNR project entitled, "Next Generation in Water Supply Management-Pilot Studies."

If you have any questions about this project, or our local support, please contact me at 218-299-5471.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifford McLain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clifford McLain, PE
Water Division Manager

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