DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

In the Matter of the Denial of Contested Case Hearing Requests and Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System, Permit No. MN0071013 for the Proposed NorthMet Project, St. Louis County, Hoyt Lakes, Babbitt, Minnesota. SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Civil Other File No.: 62-CV-19-4626 Judge: John H. Guthmann

ORDER ON ELECTRONIC SERVICE CONTACTS AND EVENTS

The above-entitled matter came on for review before the Honorable John H. Guthmann without a hearing. Pursuant to Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 14.01–14.03, attorneys are required to use the eFile and Serve System ("eFS") for electronic filing and service, and are required to designate at least one email address as a "service contact" for receipt of electronic service in the case. When multiple email addresses are designated as service contacts and used for service, each displays as a separate electronic service entry in the case's Register of Actions. Multiple service contacts have been added in eFS in this case, which has multiplied the number of service entries in the case's Register of Actions. As of February 3, 2020, there are approximately 5,700 individual electronic service entries in the case record, while only 258 individual documents have been filed. The large number of service contacts and the resulting large number of service entries have adversely affected case processing and public access to the case record.

Technology is now available to move individual electronic service entries from the case Register of Actions to a report ("Service Event Report") added to the case record, which will improve case processing and public access to the case. Therefore, based on the foregoing, and the court file and proceedings herein, the Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. All parties and law firms using eFS in this matter shall ensure they have designated only ONE service contact per party in this matter.

2. Parties and law firms wishing to have multiple email addresses receive copies of court filings may wish to use the Administrative Copy, Courtesy Copy, or Other Service Contact features in eFS. More information is available at <u>www.mncourts.gov/efile</u> and from the eFS Support Center, telephone numbers 651-227-2002 and 1-855-291-8246.

3. Ramsey County Court Administration and the State Court Administrator's Office (collectively, "court administration") shall take the steps necessary to move individual electronic service entries from the case Register of Actions to Service Event Reports.

4. The Service Event Reports shall be generated within a reasonable time after entry of this order based on staff resources.

5. Additional Service Event Reports may be run as court administration determines necessary to improve case processing and performance, and without further order of the court.

6. The Service Event Reports are official court records of service in this matter, along with the individual electronic service entries and other filed records of service.

Dated: February 4, 2020

BY THE COURT:

John H. Guthmann Judge of District Court

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