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March 29, 2013

RE: City of Red Wing's Renewable Development Fund Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

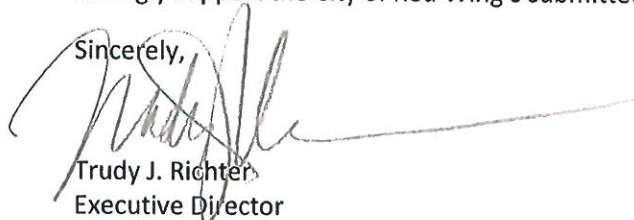
As the Executive Director of the Minnesota Resource Recovery Association ("MRRRA"), an Association representing all waste-to-energy facilities in the State of Minnesota, I am submitting this letter to the Renewable Energy Development Fund Advisory Panel in support of the City of Red Wing's proposal to generate a cleaner biomass based fuel from solid waste to create electricity locally at Xcel's Refuse Derived Fuel Combustor located within the City of Red Wing. My understanding is that the grant proposal seeks to achieve several outcomes that are consistent with existing state policies and goals outlined in statute and rule. Even more importantly, the City's proposal seeks to provide sustainable economic benefits to Xcel ratepayers by significantly reducing the amount of the municipal general fund subsidy currently paid by the City with taxpayers' dollars.

The grant proposal offered by the City of Red Wing will specifically accomplish the following:

- Provide a local source of clean renewable fuel that will be used by Xcel Energy to generate electricity at the Xcel RDF facility in Red Wing.
- Reduce the cost of solid waste operations for the City of Red Wing, thereby, reducing the amount of general fund subsidy that is currently needed for the City's processing operations, saving money to Xcel ratepayers, residents and businesses.
- Achieve State goals for waste management that will maximize the recovery of commodities and greatly reduce the toxicity of the fuel in a manner that ultimately protects public health, land, air water and other natural resources.

One of the reasons for enacting the Renewable Energy Development Fund was to provide funding to viable projects that could increase the market penetration of non-traditional energy markets and to enhance the diversity of the State's energy portfolio. By providing the necessary capital funding to the City of Red Wing, the City will be able to implement a system that can be duplicated in similar regional hubs efficiently and economically throughout the State. For these reasons, I strongly support the City of Red Wing's submitted grant proposal.

Sincerely,



Trudy J. Richter
Executive Director

SENATOR MATT SCHMIT
District 21
75 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
State Capitol Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155



Senate

State of Minnesota

April 1, 2013

Dear Renewable Development Fund Advisory Board Members,

I am writing in support of the City of Red Wing's proposal to generate a cleaner biomass based fuel from solid waste to create electricity locally at Red Wing's Xcel Energy's Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) Combustor. As a "Host Community" to several Xcel energy facilities, the City of Red Wing has a long history of working with Xcel in a public private partnership that has yielded positive results.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Schmit".

Matt Schmit
State Senator
District 21



Tim Kelly
State Representative

District 21A
Goodhue and Wabasha Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 26, 2013

Jeff Schneider
City of Red Wing Solid Waste Division
1873 Bench Street
Red Wing, MN 55066

Dear Jeff,

In my role as the elected State Representative for the City of Red Wing and a member of the House Energy Policy Committee, this letter is submitted to the Renewable Energy Development Fund Advisory Panel. I am communicating my support of the City of Red Wing's proposal to generate a cleaner biomass based fuel from solid waste to create electricity locally at Xcel's Refuse Derived Fuel Combustor located within the City of Red Wing. As a "Host Community" to several Xcel energy providers, the City of Red Wing has a long history of working with Xcel. We've worked together in a public private partnership that has yielded many positive results. My understanding is that the grant proposal seeks to achieve several outcomes that are consistent with existing state policies and goals outlined in statute and rule. Additionally, it will provide sustainable economic benefits to Xcel ratepayers by significantly reducing the amount of the municipal general fund subsidy.

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Tim Kelly
State Representative
District 21A

