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Office of the Commissioner

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July 6, 2010

Peter Bell, Chairman
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Chairman Bell:

In accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, section 473.1565, subd. 1(2), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby approves the Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan (Plan). The Plan, developed in close cooperation with the DNR, provides a valuable framework for addressing the continuing challenges that water resource managers face in this thriving metropolitan area.

The Plan provides a link between increased water demands caused by land use decisions and the resulting impacts on the quantity and quality of the region's surface water and groundwater resources. Evaluating potential water availability issues and water supply alternatives prior to making land use decisions will help ensure the sustainability of the region's water resources for future generations.

We look forward to working with the communities and the Metropolitan Council on implementation of the Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Holsten".

Mark Holsten
Commissioner

c: Joe Kurcinka, Regional Director
Dale Homuth, Regional Hydrologist
Jim Japs, Assistant Director