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**Re: Petitioners' Request for Extension and Clarification, In the Matter of the NorthMet Project
Permit to Mine Application, OAH 60-2004-37824**

Dear Counsel,

I am in receipt of a letter dated November 7, 2025, in which Petitioners requested that their deadline for submitting a response brief as set forth in my October 30, 2025, letter to the parties (“October 30th letter”) be extended from January 9, 2026, to January 23, 2026. After careful consideration of the request, I hereby grant the requested extension and also modify the schedule to allow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) a commensurate extension. PolyMet’s deadline to provide a status update shall remain the same. As such, the briefing schedule set forth in my October 30th letter is hereby modified as follows:

2. DNR’s hearing team shall submit a written response brief as set forth below **on or before January 2, 2026.**

3. WaterLegacy, the Band, and Conservation Organizations (including Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, Duluth for Clean Water, Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Cloquet Valley State Forest, Save Lake Superior Association, and Save our Sky Blue Waters) shall submit written response briefs as set forth below **on or before January 23, 2026.**

Petitioners further requested that I clarify the scope of the briefing requested in my October 30th Letter. My October 30th Letter instructs the parties to address three specific questions related to how specific actions taken by PolyMet may impact the instant proceedings in light of the governing law. As such, my October 30th Letter accurately describes the intended scope of the requested briefing from the parties.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the directives in my October 30th letter remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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