

*In the Matter of the Application for the
NorthMet Project Permit to Mine
Dated December 2017*

EXHIBIT 1
TO
REQUEST TO COMMISSIONER
TO DENY AMENDMENT TO
PERMIT TO MINE APPLICATION

1 public meeting is going to be well in advance of us
2 receiving the permit application. We have indicated
3 here that it has to take place before the application
4 is prepared and proposed. It's the point in time when
5 the mining company will come to us and ask us, what do
6 you need from us in order to get this application
7 going; what has to be included? Once that information
8 is developed -- and I think we have to look at it in
9 conjunction with what else is going on at that time;
10 there's going to be an environmental impact statement
11 done, there's going to be applications made for
12 permits to the pollution control agency and to other
13 regulators.

14 And so there's a lot of activity going on, a lot
15 of involvement of the public at that point, a lot of
16 decisions being made and changed in order to come up
17 with a plan that's going to work. But at some point
18 in time we're going to get to the point where the
19 permittee puts down in writing the information that we
20 require on the permit application. And that's going
21 to be submitted to us, we're going to review it,
22 determine that it is complete, and then we're going to
23 give direction to the operator to begin a process
24 that's been established in the statute of informing
25 the public that the permittee -- or the applicant is

1 now seeking a permit from the Commissioner of the
2 Department of Natural Resources. At that same time
3 when the -- when the publication is being made by the
4 permittee -- or the applicant, I should say -- and
5 that is to be done in a local newspaper in their --
6 in the area where the mining is going to take place
7 for four consecutive weeks. The Commissioner will
8 also publish the fact that he has received an
9 application in the Minnesota Register, the state
10 register, and the EQB Monitor. We want to try and
11 get as much information out to the public that we have
12 received an application.

13 So the procedure then goes on from there. The
14 notice is published for four consecutive weeks, so
15 for 28 days there's going to be a notice printed in
16 the paper. We then invite the public to make comment,
17 and this would be under Subpart 2. of -- of this
18 section, it's entitled Objection to Proposed Mining
19 Operations. And during that period of time that the
20 publication is being noticed in the newspapers for
21 that 28 days and for a period of 30 days following
22 that, the Commissioner will receive public comment and
23 objections, if -- if the public wants to make
24 objections. The statute -- let me check here and make
25 sure I'm not getting ahead of myself. What we want