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**Re: Letter Request from Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, In the
Matter of the NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application, OAH 60-2004-
37824,**

Dear Counsel,

I received the attached letter dated March 11, 2024 from counsel for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (“Band”), petitioner in the above-captioned letter. I understand that counsel for the remaining parties also received a copy. The Band’s letter requests that I vacate the schedule for submitting written exceptions to the ALJ’s Recommendation and set a supplemental briefing schedule for the parties to address the matters presented in the letter.

Given that initial deadlines for written exceptions are imminently approaching, I now issue the following:

1. All deadlines to submit written exceptions and argument described in my letter dated December 20, 2023 are **temporarily stayed**; and
2. All other parties have until **March 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. CT** to submit written responses to the Band’s letter and the requests described therein.

I will issue a decision on the Band’s requests shortly after the March 26th deadline. I will

thereafter provide a new schedule for written exceptions, if appropriate. The parties can expect that any new schedule will follow a similar structure to my letter dated December 20, 2023.

Sincerely,

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