

March 15, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Re: In the Matter of the NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application, OAH 60-2004-37824

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing in regard to your March 13, 2024, letter setting a March 26 deadline for the parties to respond to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's March 11 letter requesting a stay or vacatur of deadlines to file exceptions to the ALJ's report. In order to facilitate fully informed input from all parties, DNR's hearing team respectfully requests that the schedule be modified such that PolyMet's response is due no later than March 26, with the remaining responses due within seven days after PolyMet's.

Sincerely,

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