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Roger –

As a follow-up to several questions and data requests that came up in our Page Turning Event today, following are my comments:

- 1) I reached out to our Engineer Manager, Materials that runs our materials laboratory in Golden Valley and asked if he has ever received a notification by Walworth Valve Company regarding cautionary statements to lubricate their valves. The manager, Mike Zandaroski, reviewed the laboratories file on manufacturer's recommendations and has not received any notifications from Walworth or any other valve manufacturer. Mike also indicated that he has over 30 years of experience with field failure analysis on materials that have experienced an issue and were sent to his laboratory for root cause analysis. Mike reports that he has never received a Walworth valve for failure analysis of any failure, including valve seizure. Mike noted that we stopped using lubricated valves in the 1980's and therefore have not purchased Walworth valves for over thirty years.

As director of engineering and previously manager of design, I also do not have any experience or knowledge of valve seizure events on our distribution system inclusive of Walworth valves. I reached out to my manager of commercial and industrial service and meter installations and inquired about his knowledge of replacing meter set valves due to seizure or significant operational issues. The manager indicated that he has no knowledge of valve issues that required valve replacement. He has heard of some valves that were hard to turn and were addressed through our technicians that lubricate valves to resolve the issue, which is a normal part of our valve maintenance training and application by our technicians.

- 2) Valve lubrication training – we previously sent our training procedures that indicates that our technicians are required to lubricate valves as a part of normal maintenance and if necessary during other operations. Will send again if requested.
- 3) CenterPoint Energy does not have a written procedure that specifically states that all attached valve handles which have set screws must be installed with the set screw fully engaged and tightened. I reached out to Kyle Meyer, Supervisor of Operations and has primary responsibility for commercial and industrial meter installations where we could have existing plug valves that operate with a wrench. Kyle's responded that the meter installers are instructed to securely tighten the set screw on valve handles to ensure that they will not move while operating the valve.



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Please let us know if you need more information. I will be traveling back to Shreveport tomorrow morning so will be unavailable until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your time and partnership on this.

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