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## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Department of Natural Resources Division of Waters

In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Amendments to the Rules for the Mississippi Scenic and Recreational River, Minn. Rules 1983 6105.0910

STATEMENT OF NEED FOR AND REASONABLENESS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Whereas, it has been determined that the proposed amendment to the above mentioned rules are non-controversial in nature and a public hearing will not be held; and

Whereas, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §14.23, the agency shall prepare a statement of need and reasonableness of the proposed amendment and have the same available to the public;

Therefore, to fulfill the requirements of Minn. Stat. §14.23:

The proposed amendment to Minn. Rule 1983 6105.0910 will remove approximately 38.3 acres from the Mississippi River Recreational Land Use District in Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 26, T121N-R23W of Wright County, Minnesota (see attached map). This amendment is reasonable and needed because:

- a) The areas being removed are on the landward side of State Hwy. 101 and Wright County Road 36. Inclusion of these areas in the Land Use District is not necessary and their removal from the district will not conflict with the original intent of land use district delineation for purposes of protecting the Mississippi River corridor in this area.
- b) Given the existing boundaries of the Land Use District, land uses in the area proposed to be removed are unnecessarily restricted. Presently, existing commercial uses are not allowed to expand or new commercial use is not allowed. As this proposal would remove areas now occupied by commercial uses or areas anticipated for such use, the boundary amendment would more appropriately provide for land use consistent with the county's comprehensive planning efforts.

Land use controls would revert to predesignation zoning of B-1, Business District in the areas of Government Lot 1, west of Hwy. 101 and North of County Road 130, and for that area of Government Lot 1 & 2 west of County Road 36 and east of Hwy. 101.

Land use controls for the area of Government Lot 1, south of County Rd. 130 would revert to A-2, General Agriculture. c) Removal of the areas from the land use district in Government Lots 1 and 2, as proposed, will not pose significant impacts to small businesses or agricultural uses in the area.

This concludes the statement of need and reasonableness of the proposed amendments to Minn. Rules 1983 6105.0910.

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