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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for the Riverview West River Dairy Expansion Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative and the dairy farm families we serve across the upper Midwest, I write to express our full support for the expansion of Riverview's West River Dairy in Stevens County, Minnesota.

Riverview is exactly the kind of operation that strengthens Minnesota's dairy industry. They are well-managed, community-oriented, and environmentally responsible. Their track record speaks for itself: innovative water conservation practices, industry-leading manure management plans, and an ongoing commitment to working with neighboring farms and local communities. These are not just good practices — they are the hallmarks of a company with a genuine and deep-rooted commitment to environmental stewardship.

Today's dairy producers operate in a vastly different landscape than previous generations. Advances in precision feeding, nutrient management, manure handling technology, and environmental monitoring have transformed what is possible on modern dairy farms. Riverview has embraced these advances fully. Their expansion, which has undergone thorough environmental review, reflects confidence in both science-based regulation and the capacity of modern dairy producers to exceed environmental standards.

I also want to speak to what Riverview means for its communities. Large-scale dairy operations like West River Dairy do not exist in isolation — they are woven into the fabric of local economies. Riverview creates meaningful opportunities for neighboring farmers through manure application partnerships, supports local businesses and service providers, and contributes to employment and long-term economic stability in the region. Their model of community engagement is a template for responsible agricultural growth.

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative trusts the existing regulatory process in Minnesota. The MPCA has the tools, expertise, and authority to evaluate this expansion thoroughly and to impose conditions that protect Minnesota's waters. We do not believe additional environmental



review is necessary and would discourage any effort to weaponize the environmental permitting process to address unrelated economic policy concerns. The integrity of Minnesota's regulatory framework depends on it being applied for its intended purpose.

We urge the MPCA to move forward with confidence, grounded in science and data, and to support Riverview's expansion as a model of responsible dairy growth in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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