### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

## STATE OF MINNESOTA

#### BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF

# STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTICELLO)	
AND THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO PURSUANT TO )	<u>O R D E R</u>
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 )	

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Monticello and the Town of Monticello; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Monticello indicating their desire that certain property be annexed to the City of Monticello pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 states that in certain circumstances the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution to the City of Monticello, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 121, Range 25, Wright County, Minnesota except that part described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence east along the south line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 1407.11 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence north parallel with the west line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 696.69 feet; thence west parallel with the south line of said Northeast Quarter to the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence south along said west line

of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to said south line of the Northeast Quarter; thence east along said south line to the point of beginning.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

For the Director 658 Cedar Street, Room 300 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director Municipal Boundary Adjustments

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# <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1061-3, the Director finds and makes the following comment:

Paragraph/item 6 and a portion of 7 of the agreement provides for a division of tax revenue from an annexed area, based upon a one time cash payment. By making this order, no determination is made as to the effectiveness of such a schedule. Minnesota Statutes Section 414.036 allows for a reimbursement to the township of property taxes of substantially equal payments over a period of not less than two nor more than six years. Including such a provision in an order under Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325 is discretionary with the Director.

Paragraph 15 states the agreement shall remain in full force and effect until certain events occur. End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear to run afoul of the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Director. Once jurisdiction is conferred, it cannot be taken away by written consent of the parties. Jurisdiction ends when all the designated area is annexed. The issue whether jurisdiction could be "given back" by the Director upon written request of the parties to the agreement to mutually end their agreement has not been addressed.

The parties are encouraged to consider this comment in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.