

## **NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Issued: June 25, 2020

### **In the Matter of the Petition of the Minnesota Rate Regulated Electric and Gas Utilities for Authorization to Track Expenses Resulting from the Effects of the COVID-19 and Record and Defer Such Expenses into a Regulatory Asset**

**PUC Docket Number: E,G-999/M-20-427**

#### **Background**

Order points 4 and 5 of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") May 22, 2020 Order Approving Accounting Request And Taking Other Action Related To Covid-19 Pandemic (May 22, 2020 Order)<sup>1</sup> state the following:

4. The Commission delegates authority to the Commission's Executive Secretary to modify and vary procedures, including the procedures and deadlines in this and subsequent orders, for the duration of this proceeding.
5. The Joint Petitioners' April 20, 2020 Petition is granted with the caveat that the grant is for accounting purposes only. Further, the utilities must track costs and revenues or grants incurred or received as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They must make an initial filing of their accounting methodology and known and estimated costs and revenues within the specific categories in 21 days, and quarterly thereafter. The utilities still bear the burden to establish significance, reasonableness, prudence, and the incremental nature of the costs.

#### **Clarification**

The Executive Secretary makes the following clarification to the Commission's Order:

1. For the duration of this proceeding, quarterly compliance filings for the quarters ending in March, June, September and December will be due 30 days after the end of each respective quarter.
2. The first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of an Inquiry into the Financial Effects of COVID-19 on Natural Gas and Electric Utilities*, Docket No. E,G-999/CI-20-425; and *In the Matter of the Petition of the Minnesota Rate Regulated Electric and Gas Utilities for Authorization to Track Expenses Resulting from the Effects of the COVID-19 and Record and Defer Such Expenses into a Regulatory Asset*, Docket No. E,G-999/M-20-427

3. Compliance filings will include estimates of any COVID-related costs or offsets that are known at that time.
4. All quarterly reports must include an accounts receivable aging, by class, using a format similar to the one below:

Class	Current	1-30 days past due	31-60 days past due	61-90 days past due	90+ days past due	Total
Residential						
Commercial						
Industrial						
Total						

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