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March 31, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Gas Affordability Program Annual Report for 2014  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Attached hereto, please find Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Gas Affordability Program Annual Report for 2014, along with the requisite Summary of Filing, for filing in a new docket.

All individuals identified on the attached service list have been electronically served with the same.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns or if you require additional information. My direct dial number is (507) 665-8657 and my email address is kanderson@greatermngas.com.

Sincerely,

**GREATER MINNESOTA GAS, INC.**

/s/

Kristine A. Anderson  
Corporate Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Service List

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristine Anderson, hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at Le Sueur, Minnesota:

**Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Gas Affordability Program  
Annual Report for 2014 and Summary of Filing  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

filed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2015.

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson  
Kristine A. Anderson, Esq.  
Corporate Attorney  
Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s  
Gas Affordability Program  
Annual Report for 2014

**SUMMARY OF FILING**

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Please take notice that on March 31, 2015, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. ("GMG") filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission the annual report for its gas affordability program. The filing does not contain any proposed rate impact.

Dated: March 31, 2015

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Gas Affordability Program  
Annual Report for 2014**

**ANNUAL GAS  
AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM  
REPORT FOR 2014**

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Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (“GMG”) hereby submits for filing its Annual Gas Affordability Program Report for the period ending December 31, 2014. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) permitted modification of GMG’s annual reporting requirements by its Order dated October 12, 2012. GMG’s annual reporting requirements were subsequently developed and incorporated into its tariff modification. Pursuant to the Commission’s November 26, 2014 Order, GMG submits its Annual Report as a miscellaneous tariff filing under a new docket.

**SUMMARY OF FILING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, Subpart 1, a one-paragraph summary of this filing, sufficient to apprise potentially interested parties of its nature and general content, accompanies this filing.

**SERVICE ON REQUIRED AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, Subpart 2, GMG served a copy of this Report on the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7825.2840, GMG served the Summary of Filing and Notice of Availability of Report on all parties reflected on the accompanying Certificate of Service and Service List.

## GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, the following specific content is provided:

### A. Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Utility

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### B. Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Attorney for Utility

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In-House Counsel: Kristine A. Anderson  
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### C. Date of Filing and Proposed Effective Date of Rate Change

Date Filed: March 31, 2015  
Proposed Effective Date: N/A; filing does not include a rate change

### D. Statute Controlling Time Frame for Processing Filing

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. is unaware of any statute that controls the time frame for processing this filing by the Commission.

### E. Utility Employee Responsible for this Filing (and Signature):

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson  
Kristine A. Anderson, Esq.  
Corporate Attorney

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

GMG's current Gas Affordability Program ("GAP") is available to its residential customers who qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"), stipulate to a defined monthly payment plan, and make timely payments pursuant to the schedule<sup>1</sup>. GMG's

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<sup>1</sup>. As discussed with the Commission in November, 2014, GMG is redesigning its GAP and the administration of the program. The existing program was operational through 2014 and extended through 2015. GMG's GAP program revisions may be implemented earlier based on a

GAP was developed to serve qualified low-income residential natural gas customers by implementing an affordability-based bill credit and, potentially, an arrearage forgiveness credit.

The total affordability bill credit available to customers is \$102.00 per year, issued at the rate of \$25.50 quarterly; and, for customers who successfully complete the program, an additional arrearage forgiveness credit of \$102.00 is available. The GAP program year coincides with the calendar year.

### **ANNUAL REPORTING INFORMATION**

The requisite statistical information regarding GMG's GAP for 2014 is found below:

- The total number of GMG customers that received a LIHEAP grant in 2014 is seventy-four.
- GMG has nine customers that enrolled in its GAP during the course of 2014.
- Of the nine customers that enrolled in GMG's GAP in 2014, four customers were removed from the program during the course of the year; and, each of the four was removed due to failure to comply with program requirements. Six of the nine customers successfully completed the first quarter of the program; and, five of the nine customers remained compliant during each of the remaining quarters. Five customers remained successfully enrolled in the GAP at the end of 2014.
- During 2014, GMG billed a total of \$6,241.49 to all of the customers that applied for its GAP that year. However, the total amount billed to the five customers who remained in its GAP for the entire year was \$3,154.09.
- The total amount of funds paid by LIHEAP on behalf of customers enrolled in GMG's GAP during 2014 was \$2,800.00
- The total amount of funds paid by customers enrolled in GMG's GAP during 2014 was \$4,221.30; of which, \$2,398.90 was paid by the five customers that remained in the program at year end.
- The total amount of credits issued to customers participating in GMG's GAP as a result of the program was \$1,045.50 in 2014, with \$535.50 being attributable to the affordability component and \$510.00 being attributable to the arrearage forgiveness component.

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programming change; however, final implementation plans have not been adopted. GMG will update the Commission, the Department, and its tariff once the GAP revisions have been fully developed.

## CONCLUSION

GMG respectfully submits this Annual Report summarizing its GAP for the year ending December 31, 2014 in accordance with the requirements of its program and the Commission.

Dated: March 31, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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