

The Commission met on **Thursday, April 12, 2018**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**G-022/M-16-383**

**Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s 2015 Annual Gas Service Quality Report**

**G-022/M-17-336**

**Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s 2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Report**

Commissioner Schuerger moved to accept Greater Minnesota Gas's (GMG's) 2015 and 2016 annual gas service-quality reports.

The motion passed 5–0.

**G-022/S-17-808**

**In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Its 2018 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities**

Commissioner Schuerger moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve GMG's proposed 2018 capital structure until the Commission issues a 2019 capital-structure order;
2. Require that GMG maintain an equity ratio contingency range of at least 31.59% at all times unless it can demonstrate that adjustments resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 caused its equity ratio to fall below 31.59%;
3. Require that GMG make monthly compliance filings on or before the 15th of each month containing a balance sheet, income statement, and cash-flow statement for the first of the prior two months;
4. Approve a short-term debt contingency cap of 10% (i.e., GMG's short-term debt is not to exceed 10% of its total capitalization, including the contingency, for more than 60 days);
5. Permit GMG to issue long-term debt provided that it remains within its equity contingency range at all times, and remains within its short-term debt contingency range and does not exceed it for more than 60 days;
6. Approve a total capitalization contingency of \$4.0 million above the estimated 2018 year-end total capitalization of \$40.3 million, for a total capitalization of \$44.3 million;

7. Require GMG to file a new securities-issuance and capital-structure petition by January 1, 2019; and
8. Require the following in GMG's 2019 capital-structure filing:
  - a. a plan that would be expected to result in a 36.50% equity ratio by December 31, 2019, assuming normal weather, or an explanation of why such an increase is not possible; and
  - b. a step increase in GMG's equity-ratio floor from 33.00% to 34.0% beginning March 31, 2020, or an explanation of why such an increase is not possible.

The motion passed 5–0.

**E-002/M-17-817**

**In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Residential EV Service Pilot Program**

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to take the following actions:

1. Approve Xcel's proposal for implementing a residential EV service pilot.
2. Approve Xcel's proposed accounting treatment.
3. Allow Xcel to place costs incurred for customer education and information initiatives in the existing tracker account under the EV service tariff in Docket No. E-002/M-15-111.
4. Modify Xcel's tariff to add the following sentence to the Renewable Energy Supply Option section of the proposed pilot tariff: "The renewable energy supply option is available subject to the provisions contained in the Voluntary Renewable and High-Efficiency Energy Purchase (Windsor Program) Rider, or other available rate schedule for voluntary renewable energy supply that is applicable."
5. Approve Xcel's request to vary Minn. R. 7820.3700 and .3800.
6. Xcel shall, in its June 1, 2019 annual report, include a plan to transition the pilot into a permanent program.
7. Xcel shall file annual reports with the Commission on June 1, including, at a minimum:
  - a. number of participating customers and amount of electricity sold in the program, reported on a monthly basis;
  - b. tracker balances;
  - c. analyses of customer cost savings;

- d. learnings on customer experience and pilot performance under Xcel's safety and reliability standards;
  - e. the number of customers choosing the bundled option;
  - f. the costs and revenues associated with the bundled option;
  - g. the number of customers choosing the pre-pay option;
  - h. the costs and revenues associated with the pre-pay option;
  - i. which types of EVSE equipment are chosen by the participants;
  - j. the contractors' estimated second-meter installation costs;
  - k. the extent to which Wi-Fi connections impacted pilot participation;
  - l. how often Wi-Fi connectivity issues prevented billing under the pilot; and
  - m. analysis of the effectiveness of car-dealer incentives.
8. Require Xcel, within 45 days of the order in this matter, to submit compliance filings in the current docket and updated tariff sheets to reflect the Commission's decisions. Require Xcel, as part of that filing, to identify a set of evaluation criteria to assess the desired outcomes of the pilot and what success would entail, understanding that these criteria would not be subject to Commission approval but would be informational only at this stage.
9. The monthly charge shall be no higher than \$19 for bundled service and \$8 for prepay service. The company is encouraged to negotiate with its vendors to achieve lower rates.
10. Xcel shall immediately notify customers of any unauthorized access to data obtained through the pilot, consistent with its existing obligations to customers to protect their data.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: June 6, 2018**



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Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary