

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: December 21, 2020

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Request for Approval of its 2019 Transmission Factors under its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider

PUC Docket Number(s): E-015/M-19-440

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 19, 2021 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes March 5, 2021 at 4:30pm

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Issue: Minnesota Power's transmission cost recovery rider compliance filing and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) December 4, 2020 Audit Report and Order, in FERC Docket No. FA20-2-000

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission accept Minnesota Power's (MP's) December 10, 2020 compliance filing, in this docket?
- Does Minnesota Power's December 10, 2020 compliance filing fully resolve Ordering Points #3, 4, and 6 of the Commission's December 3, 2020 ORDER APPROVING TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY, CLARIFYING PRIOR ORDER, AND REQUIRING FILINGS? If not, what are the deficiencies in MP's compliance filing?
- Was the FERC audit report contained in the compliance filing submitted in a timely manner?
- Did any of the FERC audit findings have an impact on either the test year in Minnesota Power's 2016 rate case¹ or any of the calculations in the 2019 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider? If so, what were those impacts and how do they affect rates?
- Should the Commission take any action with respect to the FERC audit report?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

¹ In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota, Docket No. E-015/GR-16-664

Background

On December 3, 2020, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY, CLARIFYING PRIOR ORDER, AND REQUIRING FILINGS.

On December 10, 2020, MP submitted a compliance filing addressing the requirements of Order Points 3, 4, and 6 of the December 3, 2020 Order which include:

- Reporting the net credits it receives from MISO under Schedule 9 for Dog Lake and Great Northern Transmission Line;
- Submitting a copy of FERC's (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) audit report regarding Minnesota Power's transmission formula rates in this proceeding when it becomes available; and
- Compliance tariff language reflecting the modifications adopted in this order.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

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Dated this **21st** day of **December 2020**

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