

August 8, 2022

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: **Response to Reply Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**
Docket No. G004/M-22-217

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) respectfully requests the Commission accept this response to Great Plains Natural Gas Company's (Great Plains or the Company) reply comments in the following matter:

Great Plains Natural Gas Company's 2021 Conservation Improvement Program Tracker and Shared Savings Demand Side Management Incentive (*Petition*)

On July 28, 2022, the Department filed its Comments in the Great Plains proceeding. The Department recommended the Commission approve Great Plains' petition.

On August 2, 2022, Great Plains filed reply comments in this proceeding. In its reply comments, the Company took exception to Section III.E of the Department Comments. In Section III.E of its Comments, the Department recommended the customer notice should state the base was established in 2022; however, the correct base establishment is April 1, 2021.

The Department revises its recommendation for the Customer Bill Message to read as follows:

Great Plains recovers the cost changes in its energy conservation programs from the base established in 2021 through a Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (CCRA) subject to MN Public Utilities Commission approval. A CCRA of [insert rate] per dk is effective [insert effective date]. Learn more about reducing your energy use by visiting our website at www.gpng.com or calling us at 1-877-267-4764.

The Department apologizes to Great Plains and the Commission for the error.

The Department recommends the Commission **approve Great Plains' *Petition*** and is available to answer any questions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may have.

The Department recommendations are as follows:

1. Approve Great Plains' Tracker Account as summarized in Table 1 Below:

Table 1: Summary of Great Plains 2021 CIP Tracker Activities

Line	Description	Time Period	Amount
1	Beginning Balance	Jan. 1, 2021	(\$348,197)
2	CIP Expenses	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	\$461,681
3	DSM Financial Incentive	Approved in 2021 for 2020 activities	\$0
4	Carrying Charges	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	(\$7,141)
5	CIP Expenses Subtotal [Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3 + Line 4]	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	\$106,343
6	CCRC Recovery	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	\$371,826
7	CCRA Recovery	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	(\$252,766)
8	CIP Revenues Subtotal [Line 6 + Line 7]	Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021	\$119,060
9	Ending Balance [Line 5 - Line 8]	Dec. 31, 2021	(\$12,717)

2. Approve a CCRA rate of \$0.0805 per dekatherm, to be effective the first billing period following the Commission Order;
3. Require Great Plains to include the following customer notice in the billing month immediately following the Commission's approval;

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4. Require Great Plains Natural Gas Company to submit a compliance filing, within 10 days of the issue date of this Order, with revised tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's determinations in this matter.

Sincerely,

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/s/ DANIELLE WINNER
Rates Analyst

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Attachment