

## Staff Briefing Papers

Meeting Date	<b>February 8, 2018</b>	Agenda Item *3
Company	CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation (CenterPoint)	
Docket No.	<b>G008/M-16-377 and G008/M-17-342</b>	
	In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Report	
Issue	1. Should the Commission Accept CenterPoint's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports?	
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### Relevant Documents

### Date

Commission Order Accepting  
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's 2014 Gas Service Quality Report, Docket No. G008/M-15-414

November 25, 2015

CenterPoint's Initial Filing 2015  
Natural Gas Service Quality Performance Report. G008/M-16-377

April 29, 2016

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 **Relevant Documents**

**Date**

CenterPoint's Initial Filing 2016 Natural Gas Service Quality Performance Report. G008/M-17-342	May 1, 2017
Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources	December 11, 2018
Reply Comments of CenterPoint	December 19, 2017
Response Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce	January 24, 2018

## **I. Statement of the Issues**

Should the Commission Accept CenterPoint's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports?

## **II. Background**

On April 29, 2016, CenterPoint filed its 2015 annual Gas Service Quality reports. On May 17, 2016, the DOC informed the Commission that it lacked adequate resources to ensure careful review and analysis of the utilities' reports and requested an extension to file comments on the reports. When the utilities filed their 2016 reports in May of 2017, the DOC's workload was anticipated to return to a more manageable level. As such, the DOC determined it would be able analyze both the 2015 and 2016 reports in 2017. The Commission granted the DOC's request that the comment deadlines be extended to coincide with the comment deadlines that was set for the utilities' 2016 reports that were to be filed by May 1, 2017.

On May 1, 2017, CenterPoint filed its 2016 Annual Service Quality Report for 2016. On December 11, 2017, the DOC filed comments on the CenterPoint's 2015 and 2016 reports. On December 19, 2017, CenterPoint's filed reply comments, and on January 24, 2018, the DOC filed a response in which it recommended that the Commission accept the Company's Reports.

## **III. Parties' Comments**

**DOC:** Based on its review of CenterPoint's 2015 and 2016 Annual Service Quality Reports and the Company's Reply Comments, the Department appreciates the clarification and corrections regarding the breakdown of gas line damage event causes, and an explanation for the high number of CenterPoint-controlled damage incidents in October, November and December of 2016 provided by the Company. As such, the DOC recommends that the Commission accept the Company's Reports.

**CenterPoint:** CenterPoint Energy respectfully requests the Commission consider the record in this proceeding and accept CenterPoint Energy's 2015 & 2016 Annual Service Quality Reports.

## **IV. Staff Analysis**

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the DOC at page 4 of its January 24, 2018 comments and accept CenterPoint's 2015 and 2016 Annual Natural Gas Service Quality Reports.

**V. Decision Options**

1. Accept CenterPoint's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports.
2. Do not accept CenterPoint's 2015/2016 Annual Gas Service Quality Reports.