

July 16, 2020

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: **Comments of the Minnesota Commerce Department, Division of Energy Resources**
PUC Docket No. G004/GR-19-511
OAH Docket No. 65-2500-36528
PUC Docket No. G004/MR-19-512

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

This letter serves as the Comments of the Minnesota Commerce Department, Division of Energy Resources (Department), in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota
Notice of Schedule for Filing Exceptions to the ALJ's Report and Request for Great Plains Natural Gas Co. to File Schedules Reflecting the ALJ's Recommendation

Great Plains Natural Gas Co (Great Plains or the Company) filed the requested "Schedules Reflecting the ALJ's Recommendation" (Compliance) on July 8, 2020. Included in its Compliance, the Company provided the base cost of gas, the test year revenue requirement, the class revenue allocations, and the rate design as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

The Department has reviewed the Compliance and concludes that Great Plains' schedules accurately reflect the ALJ's recommendations.

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ ANGELA BYRNE
Financial Analyst

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Comments

Docket No. G004/GR-19-511 and G004/MR-19-512

Dated this 16th day of July 2020

/s/Sharon Ferguson

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