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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation–PNG  
for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its Northern Natural Gas  
Transmission System;  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2, please find the public and nonpublic versions of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC) request to change demand entitlement.

Please note that Attachments 8 and 9 contain financial information with independent economic value that is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable by, competitors of MERC, who could obtain economic value from its disclosure. MERC maintains this information as secret. Accordingly this data qualifies as trade secret data as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subd. 1(b), and MERC requests that the data be treated as trade secret information.

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 3, a Notice of Availability has been sent to all intervenors in the Company's previous two rate cases.

Please feel free to contact me at (612) 340-2881 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Michael J. Ahern

Michael J. Ahern

cc: Service List

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To: Service List

RE: Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation-PNG Petition for Approval of Change in Demand Entitlement

**Notice of Availability**

Please take notice that Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation-PNG has filed a petition with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for approval of a change in demand entitlement.

To obtain copies, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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**SUMMARY OF FILING**

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**FILING UPON CHANGE IN DEMAND**

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This filing includes the following attachments:

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| <b>Attachment 1:</b> | Notice of Availability.   |
| <b>Attachment 2:</b> | One paragraph summary of the filing in accordance with Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 1. |
| <b>Attachment 3:</b> | Petition for Change in Demand with Attachments.                                     |
| <b>Attachment 4:</b> | Affidavit of Service and Service List.  |

The following information is provided in accordance with Minn. R. 7829.1300:

**1. Summary of Filing**

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 1, a one-paragraph summary of the filing is attached.

**2. Service**

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 2, MERC has served a copy of this filing on the Department of Commerce and the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division. The summary of the filing has been served on all parties on the attached service list. Additionally, pursuant to Minn. R. 7825.2910, subp. 3, a Notice of Availability has been sent to all intervenors in the Company’s previous two rate cases.

**3. General Filing Information**

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**C. Date of the Filing and Proposed Effective Date**

Date of filing: November 1, 2010  
Proposed Effective Date: November 1, 2010

**D. Statute Controlling Schedule for Processing the Filing**

Minnesota Statutes and related rules do not provide an explicit time frame for action by the Commission. Under Minn. R. 7829.1400, initial comments are due within 30 days of filing, with reply comments due 10 days thereafter.

**E. Utility Employee Responsible for the Filing**

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**PETITION FOR CHANGE IN DEMAND**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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<sup>1</sup> MERC-PNG also serves Minnesota customers off of the Viking Gas Transmission (Viking) pipeline system and the Great Lakes Gas Transmission (GLGT) pipeline system. MERC requests approval of a demand entitlement change for the 2010-2011 heating season for its Viking customers in a separate docket, and requests approval of a demand entitlement change on the GLGT system in a separate docket

II. DISCUSSION

A. MERC's PNG-NNG Design Day Requirements

MERC's 2010-2011 NNG design day requirements decreased 8,762 Mcf (or approximately 4.31 percent) from 203,360 Mcf to 194,598 Mcf.

**Table 1: MERC's Proposed NNG Reserve Margins  
For the 2010-2011 Heating Season  
PNG/NMU**

|             | Reserve Margin<br>2010-2011<br>Heating Season | Reserve Margin<br>2009-2010<br>Heating Season | Change |
|-------------|---|---|--------|
| NNG Zone EF | 19.92%  | 11.68%  | 8.24%  |

As shown in Table 1, MERC's proposed system wide reserve margin, Zone EF for the 2010-2011 heating season is positive.

For the Demand Entitlement filing effective November 1, 2010, the total Design Day requirement for Northern Natural Gas (NNG), which includes PNG and NMU is 218,213 Dth as calculated in Attachment 5 and Attachment 7 under the NNG Entitlement Allocation.

For the Demand Entitlement filing effective November 1, 2010, the total Design Day capacity on Northern Natural Gas (NNG), which includes PNG and NMU is 261,675 Dth as calculated in Attachment 5 and Attachment 7 under the NNG Entitlement Allocation. The difference between the total Design Day requirement and total Design Day capacity results in a 19.92% positive reserve margin.

Demand Entitlement increased due to 7,000 Dth that historically was allocated to the NMU and PNG-VGT Demand Entitlements, but has been allocated to PNG-NNG and



NMU in this filing. This capacity was rarely used by PNG-VGT, and the decision was made to allocate the demand cost to the customer base that benefits from the capacity which is PNG-NNG and NMU-NNG customers. MERC also changed the allocation process by allocating all NNG and LS Power capacity to PNG-NNG and NMU-NNG customers based upon the forecasted Design Day as calculated in Attachment 5. The change in allocation process was made to address the Office of Energy Security's (OES) concern of NMU-NNG customers having a negative reserve margin.

B. Forecast Methodology for MERC Demand Entitlement Nov. 1, 2010

**Peakday**

**Purpose**

Gather data and perform analysis used in the "Petition for Change in Demand" for Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation – PNG and Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation – NMU for "Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement" to be sent to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, otherwise known as the "MERC Demand Entitlement Filings".

**Background**

MERC is composed of two service areas:

1. PNG - Peoples Natural Gas (company – approximately 170,000 customers)
2. NMU - Northern Minn Utility (company – approximately 40,000 customers)

Which are served by four pipelines:

3. VGT - Viking Gas Transmission system (serves both PNG and NMU)
4. NNG- Northern Natural Gas pipeline (serves both PNG and NMU)
5. GLGT - Great Lakes Gas Transmission pipeline (serves both PNG and NMU)

6. Centra - Centra pipeline (serves NMU)

Four Petitions for Change in Demand are filed (one for each of PGA):

- A. PNG customers served off of VGT = PNG-VGT
- B. PNG customers served off of GLGT = PNG-GLGT
- C. PNG customers served off of NNG = PNG-NNG
- D. All NMU customers - served off NNG, GLGT, VGT & Centra = NMU

Weather data is obtained from seven weather stations:

- 1. International Falls
- 2. Bemidji
- 3. Cloquet
- 4. Fargo
- 5. Minneapolis
- 6. Rochester
- 7. Worthington

For analytical purposes, data is subdivided, analyzed and regressed by the following eight demand areas:

|   | <b>Demand Area<br/>(Service Area / Pipeline)</b> | <b>PGA</b> | <b>Weather Station(s)</b>                     |
|---|--|------------|---|
| 1 | NMU-Centra                                       | NMU        | International Falls                           |
| 2 | NMU-GLGT *                                       | NMU        | Bemidji & Cloquet                             |
| 3 | NMU-NNG  | NMU        | Cloquet                                       |
| 4 | NMU-VGT *  | NMU        | Fargo   |
| 5 | NMU-GLGT&VGT*                                    | NMU        | Bemidji                                       |
| 6 | PNG-GLGT   | PNG-GLGT   | Bemidji                                       |
| 7 | PNG-NNG  | PNG-NNG    | Minneapolis, Rochester, Cloquet & Worthington |
| 8 | PNG-VGT  | PNG-VGT    | Fargo   |

\* Thief River Falls is included only in NMU-GLGT&VGT

## **Analytical Approach**

### **Summary**

1. Obtain daily weather data for each weather station as shown in Attachment 13
2. Obtain daily total throughput volumes by pipeline
3. Perform total throughput peak day regressions
4. Subtract interruptible, transport, and joint interruptible expected peak day load volumes based on monthly billing data
5. Add back Daily Firm Capacity (DFC) customer selections
6. Apply sales forecast growth rates

### **Detail**

The Peak Day Forecasting Team (the Team) followed a data-driven approach for the MERC Peak Day Forecast. Since the forecast is for a peak day, the best daily data available is required to provide the best estimate. Theoretically, the peak day regression should be performed using daily net firm load by service area, pipeline, and weather station. A review of the data available indicated that the two best daily data sources are the daily weather data by weather station and the daily throughput data by Town Border Station (TBS) and pipeline meter. (Some pipeline meters are dedicated to a TBS, and some are dedicated to individual customers.)

Most of the interruptible, transportation, and joint interruptible data available is from monthly billing record excerpts provided by ADS/Vertex, an external vendor that has been providing billing services to MERC-PNG and MERC-NMU.

The Team followed an approach generally consistent with the one used last year that would:

- Make the best use of the best available data; and
- Isolate the effects the monthly billing cycle data has on the Peak Day forecast so that the new process can be easily updated as better data is available.

The Peak Day Process consisted of:

- I. Data Preparation
- II. Regression Generation of Net Daily Metered Volumes
- III. Volume Risk Adjustments
- IV. Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm peak day estimate

I. The **Data Preparation** Steps consisted of:

- Identify the coldest Adjusted Heating Degree Day (AHDD65) in the last 20 years for each weather station.
- Determine the most recent three years of December through February daily total metered throughput for the eight demand areas by weather station.
- Subtract the daily pipeline meter readings for all non-firm customers with daily pipeline meter readings available for all three December through February years from the total throughput for each demand area and weather station. Use the resulting net daily metered volumes for regressions. Examples of non-firm customer meter readings subtracted from the demand area total daily throughputs are paper mills, direct-connects, taconites, and off-system end users. (See “Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm Peak Day Estimate” below.)
- Determine how to map the monthly billing data to the eight demand areas.

Each daily weather station data file was searched to find the coldest Adjusted Heating Degree Day (AHDD65) in the last 20 years. This 1-in-20 approach is consistent with prior years. The results are provided in the following table:

| <u>Station</u>         | <u>Date</u> | <u>Avg.<br/>Temp</u> | <u>Avg.<br/>Wind</u> | <u>HDD65</u> | <u>AHDD65</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bemidji                | 2/1/1996    | -34                  | 8                    | 99           | 107           |
| Cloquet                | 2/2/1996    | -31                  | 7                    | 96           | 103           |
| Fargo                  | 1/18/1996   | -16                  | 34                   | 81           | 109           |
| International<br>Falls | 2/2/1996    | -34                  | 8                    | 99           | 107           |
| Minneapolis            | 2/2/1996    | -25                  | 8                    | 90           | 97            |
| Rochester              | 2/2/1996    | -27                  | 10                   | 92           | 101           |
| Worthington            | 1/18/1996   | -8                   | 32                   | 73           | 96            |

The daily throughput data was provided by pipeline and meter, with each meter on each pipeline mapped to one of the weather stations shown in the above chart. Each meter was also designated as either PNG or NMU. As noted above, some of the meters represented a TBS. Some meters were dedicated to a customer who is not a firm service customer of either PNG or NMU. For example, certain transportation, interruptible, direct-connect, and taconite customers have their own meter, but are not counted as firm service customers.

In a more nearly ideal world, the Team would have also had daily telemetered data from each interruptible, transportation, and joint interruptible customer mapped to each of the eight demand areas and related weather stations. This was the case for a handful of paper mills, direct-connects, taconites, and off-system end users. The rest of the interruptible, transportation, and joint interruptible data was available based on monthly billing cycle data that introduces billing lag, meter read lag (not all meters were read every month, resulting in billing cycle estimates and reversals), and other potential errors into their volumes.

Similar to the process used the prior year, the Team generated regressions of the daily throughput data available less the known daily meter readings for non-firm customers and adjusted those regressions for the estimated peak day impact of the other non-firm customers who do not have daily readings. This approach was used because it introduced much less error into the data and regressions than trying to guess how to allocate monthly billing cycle data to daily when the load factors and relative temperature sensitivity of the non-daily-metered customers was not known. Using only the daily metered data for the regressions makes the best use of the best data available and provides insights into the total daily metered load that could be active on a peak day even if supply access at the non-firm pipeline meters were shut off.

II. The **Regression Generation of Net Daily Metered Volumes** consisted of:

- For each of the eight Demand Areas (Service Area / Pipeline):
  1. Gather the net daily metered volumes and weather station data including AHDD65<sup>2</sup>.
  2. If more than one weather station is represented in a given demand area, weight each weather station's AHDD65 by the total December through February metered volumes attributable to that weather station.
  3. Add indicator variables for day-type and month. Day-type variables are used to isolate load that changes by day of the week, such as commercial or industrial customers who may change their consumption on weekends when they run fewer

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<sup>2</sup> Temperature and weather data was obtained from Weather Bank/DTN via TherMaxx then converted to HDD65 and AHDD65 in an Excel spreadsheet by MERC – Gas Supply. Temperature and wind data is 24-hour average based on the 9am to 9am gas day.

shifts. Month indicator variables are used to isolate load that changes based on winter month, such as businesses that are open extra hours in December and resume normal operating hours in January.

4. Perform ordinary least squares linear regressions for the 3-year time frame using the AHDD65 weather variable and the significant indicator variables.
5. Summarize the Baseload and Use/AHDD65 from each regression.
6. Calculate a point estimate from each regression based on the baseload value plus the Use/AHDD65 coefficient times the coldest AHDD65 in 20 years (volume weighted if using more than one weather station in a single Demand Area).

### **III. Volume Risk Adjustments**

Volume risk adjustments were incorporated into the forecast to provide a confidence level that the daily metered load under design conditions would not exceed the daily metered regression estimate. An appropriate volume risk adjustment was determined for each regression group by multiplying the standard error of each regression analysis (sigma) by a factor needed to attain a desired confidence level. The desired confidence level chosen was 97.5%.

### **IV. Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm Peak Day Estimate** consisted of:

#### **A. Subtract interruptible, transport, and joint interruptible expected peak day load volumes based on monthly billing data**

In order to determine firm peak day load, volumes contained in the daily pipeline meter readings for interruptible, joint interruptible and transportation customers needed to be isolated and removed. While it would have been ideal to have daily billing data for all customers, most

of the interruptible, transportation, and joint interruptible data was, in most cases, only available from monthly billing records<sup>3</sup>. An unfortunate, but unavoidable consequence was that this data was based on monthly billing cycles that introduce billing lag, meter read lag (not all meters were read every month, resulting in billing cycle estimates and reversals), and other potential errors into their volumes.

A database of volumes billed for all customers from the prior winter was obtained. The database contained detail by customer class<sup>4</sup>, calendar month, (service) area, city, location, zip code and responsibility center. The billing database was provided by ADS/Vertex, an outside firm that has been providing billing services to MERC. Sales and Revenue Forecasting had previously adjusted the billing data to properly fit the appropriate calendar month of consumption by apportioning billed volumes, i.e., for a bill covering February 15 to March 15, volumes were split evenly between February and March.

Volumes for the interruptible, transportation and joint interruptible customer classes (INTER, TRANS and JINTER classes) needed to be mapped to the appropriate regression demand area, and were then summed. This billing data included consumption that was billed, but not included in the daily metered volumes for several large specific customers (paper mills, direct-connects, taconites, and off-system end users), and therefore needed to be removed from the gross interruptible, transportation and joint interruptible totals. Such customers were identified, mapped to the demand areas, summed and subtracted from the interruptible, transportation and joint interruptible customer classes totals. The following peak demand estimation method based

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<sup>3</sup> Individual daily volumes were available for a handful of paper mills, direct-connects, taconites, and off-system end users.

<sup>4</sup> Transportation, Interruptible, Joint Interruptible, Residential, Large Commercial & Industrial and Small Commercial & Industrial.



on the highest monthly total from the prior winter was then used to calculate the amount to subtract from the results of the data regressions for each demand area:

*The MERC-PNG and MERC-NMU tariff General Rules, Regulations, Terms, and Conditions Section 1.N “Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ)” on 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8.04:*

*N. Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ):*

*The amount calculated by dividing the volumes consumed by a particular customer during the highest historical peak month of usage for that customer by twenty (20).*

*Company will estimate a peak month for new customers. A Maximum Daily Quantity may also be established through direct measurement or other means (i.e. estimating the peak day requirements after installation of new processing equipment or more energy efficient heating systems) if approved by [the] Company.*

**B. Add back Daily Firm Capacity (DFC) customer selections**

While interruptible, joint interruptible and transportation customer volumes were removed (as described above), in order to determine firm peak day load, daily firm capacity selections needed to be added back. The Sales and Revenue Forecasting department provided historical monthly DFC data for the “joint interruptible” customers from January 2009 through March 2010 that showed the volume that each customer has selected to receive as firm service from MERC each month. Based on direction from MERC Gas Supply, the Small Volume Joint Firm / Interruptible customers who were relying on MERC to provide peak day firm supply were identified and their the daily firm capacity volumes were summed by month for each demand area. The total volumes for January 2010 were then added back to the adjusted regression results.

### **C. Apply Sales Forecast Growth Rates**

The throughput volumes used in the data regressions were from December 2007 to February 2010 and needed to be adjusted to properly forecast 2011. The sales forecast “MERC Fcst 201004”, as approved by the Gas Planning Committee, was used to determine a growth rate for each demand area. Because the Peak Day Forecast is based on firm load, General Service volumes (GS - residential, commercial and industrial firm) were used as a proxy to calculate growth rates. These growth rates were then applied to the adjusted regression results.

### **Demand Area / (Service Area / Pipeline) Regression Notes**

#### **A. Interruptible, Transportation and Joint Interruptible**

##### NMU-GLGT

Paper Mills = Ainsworth and Blandon in Bemidji, and Sappi and USG in Cloquet

##### NMU-VGT

Note: Lamb Weston (RDO) was NOT included in the regression analysis, and therefore, was not removed with the interruptible and transportation volumes.

##### PNG-NNG

Taconites / Direct Connects =

- CCI EMPIRE IND DEL PT 2 TILDEN
- CCI NORTSHORE
- EVELETH TACONITE
- HIBBING TACONITE CO.
- U.S. STEEL
- NATIONAL STEEL PELLET

- COTTAGE GROVE TBS LS POWER
- INLAND STEEL
- HANNA MINING

PNG-NNG

OSEU (End Users) =

- CORRECTIONAL CTR
- KEMPS LLC
- KERRY BIO-SCIENCE
- LAKESIDE
- LAND OF LAKES
- PRO-CORN
- SWIFT

**B. Daily Firm Capacity**

PNG-VGT

- DETROIT LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL
- ROSSMAN SCHOOL
- BEST WESTERN

PNG-GLGT

- AMERIPRIDE/WPS SERVICES INC
- ELDERCARE
- NORTHLAND APTS
- NW TECH COLLEGE - BEMIDJI
- BEM ISD #31-JW SMITH ELEM
- BEM ISD #31-CENTRAL ELEM

## PNG-NNG

- HENDRICKS HOSPITAL
- GLASSTITE INC
- SHANNON GLEN CONDO III
- SHANNON GLEN CONDO I
- SHANNON GLEN CONDO II
- SHANNON GLEN CONDO IV

### **Daily Design Day Estimate to Actual Comparison**

In the 2007 demand entitlement dockets, MERC agreed to include a daily estimate utilizing the design day model which is calculated in Attachment 13. The daily estimate is compared to actual consumption. The actual volumes are total through-put which includes interruptible and transportation volumes that are located behind MERC citygates. This does not include any transportation volumes that are directly connected with the NNG pipeline. The Design Day model only calculates firm volumes. MERC does not forecast on a daily/monthly basis utilizing the Design Day model. The Design Day model is utilized to calculate the theoretical peak day.

### **Average Customer Counts**

In the 2007 demand entitlement dockets, MERC agreed to include average customer counts which is provided in Attachment 14.

#### C. MERC's Specific PNG Proposed Northern System Demand-Related Changes

There are two types of demand entitlement changes. The first type is design day deliverability, which, in this case, increases the amount of firm transportation and storage capacity actually available to MERC-PNG's Northern system customers during winter peak periods. The second type does not affect design day deliverability levels, but alters the capacity portfolio and the PGA costs recovered from customers.

1. Design Day Deliverability Changes

As shown in Attachment 3, MERC-PNG-NNG proposes an increase of 2,563 Mcf/day in total heating season. The Company proposes changes to its portfolio of capacity services identified below in Table 4.

Table 4

| Capacity Entitlement | Propose Change Increase / (Decrease) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| TF12B & TF12V        | 7,361 Mcf/Day                        |
| TF5                  | (834) Mcf/Day                        |
| TFX12                | (2,397) Mcf/Day                      |
| TFX5                 | (1,143) Mcf/Day                      |
| LS Power             | (424) Mcf/Day                        |
| Total Overall Change | 2,563 Mcf/Day                        |

MERC contracted for capacity on Bison Pipeline for 50,000 Dth/day with a projected in-service date of December 15, 2010 at Northern Border Pipeline (NBPL). The PNG-NNG allocated share of this capacity is 44,589 Dth/day. This capacity does not add any incremental capacity but is utilized to deliver Rockies supply to PNG-NNG and NMU-NNG customers at Northern Border Pipeline (NBPL) interconnects with NNG.

2. Other Demand Entitlement Changes

As shown in the Attachment 10, MERC-PNG-NNG proposes a decrease in TFX Apr and TFX Oct and an increase of Firm Deferred Delivery (storage) in other pipeline entitlements that are not included in peak day deliverability.

D. Financial Units and Premiums

- i. MERC entered into New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) financial Call Options for the upcoming 2010/2011 winter (November through March). Please see Attachment 8.
- ii. Total premium costs to enter into the financial Call Options on behalf of MERC's firm customers amounted to \$1,876,399 for the 2010/2011 winter. Please see Attachment 8.
- iii. MERC entered into 472 contracts (10,000/contract) or 4,720,000. Total premium per contract is approximately \$0.3975. Please see Attachment 8.
- iv. Please see attachment 8 for the various contract dates.
- v. Please see attachment 8 for the various contract prices.
- vi. MERC entered into 204 futures contracts (10,000/contract) or 2,040,000.
- vii. MERC believes a diversified portfolio approach towards hedging is in the best interest of MERC's firm customers. MERC implemented a 40% fixed price (storage and futures contracts), 30% financial call options and 30% market based prices, assuming normal weather. A dollar-cost-averaging approach is utilized in purchasing the hedging portfolio. Although this hedging strategy will most likely not provide the lowest priced supply, it does meet MERC's stated objectives of providing reliable and reasonably priced natural gas and mitigates natural gas price volatility. Please see Attachment 9, page 1 of 2.

E. Gas Supply.

The PNG-NNG 2010-2011 Winter Portfolio Plan - Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for NNG gas supply purchases for the Hedging Plan is in Attachment 9, page 2.

F. Price Volatility

MERC hedging strategy as described in section 2.(D).(vii.) provides the opportunity to ensure MERC customers are seventy percent (70%) hedged assuming normal winter volumes. The 70% hedged is accomplished by 40% of normal winter volumes hedged by a fixed price, which is comprised of storage and futures contracts. MERC is projecting the weighted average cost of gas (WACOG) for futures contracts of natural gas to be approximately \$4.9275. Please see Attachment 15, page 1 of 3. MERC is projecting the NNG Storage WACOG for PNG-NNG to be approximately \$4.0923. This is an estimate based upon the purchases in October but since this report is filed before the accounting is closed for October, this estimate may change. Please see Attachment 15, page 2 of 3. The remaining 30% of the 70% is hedged by financial call options. MERC purchased call options at an average strike price of \$5.01, which means if NYMEX contract(s) settle above that price, the options are exercised and MERC's customers gas cost is capped at the average strike price. Please see Attachment 15, page 3 of 3. Since financial options are paper only MERC purchases physical index supply to back the financial call options. MERC projects the gas costs to be approximately \$4.35 for 70% of normal winter volumes assuming that the NYMEX prices are above the average \$5.01 strike price plus the physical index basis spread. If the NYMEX prices are

below the average \$5.01 strike price, the average natural gas cost for 70% of the normal winter volumes will be lower. The remaining 30% of normal winter volumes are purchased at index or market prices. All numbers reflected are natural gas costs only and do not include any transportation, storage, hedge premium or margin costs.

G. PGA Cost Recovery

MERC proposes to begin recovering the costs associated with the change in demand-related costs in its monthly PGA effective November 1, 2010. Rate impacts associated with this change can be found on Attachment 4, pages 1 through 3, and on page 1 of Attachment 11. MERC has also calculated the rate impact of moving the cost recovery of FDD Storage contracts from the demand cost recovery portion of the monthly PGA to the commodity cost recovery portion of the monthly PGA. Attachment 4, pages 4 through 6, and Attachment 11, page 2, illustrate the rate impact created by this shift in cost recovery.

II. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, MERC respectfully requests the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission grant the demand changes requested herein effective November 1, 2010. If any further information, clarification, or substantiation is required to support this filing please advise.



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**PUBLIC DOCUMENT – TRADE SECRET DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED**

MERC-PNG

Demand Entitlement Schedules - NNG

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**DESIGN-DAY DEMAND SUMMARY**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

**NNG**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Design Day Requirement                                  | 194,598    |
| Total Peak Day Entitlement                              | 233,627    |
| Firm Peak Day Actual Sendout -Non Coincidental (Jan. 4) | 151,937    |
| Firm Annual Throughput - Minnesota                      | 19,922,894 |
| No. of Firm Customers                                   | 158,298    |
| Department Load Factor Calculation                      | 35.92%     |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**NNG MINNESOTA DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENTS**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

**NNG**

| Pipeline Group | Nov09-Mar 10 Avg. Customer Count | Zone Total Customer Count | 1/20 Design DDD | Regression Factors |       | Regression Total Footnote 1 | Regression Adjustment Footnote 2 | 1/20 Requirements Regression Load Footnote 3 | Nov09-Mar 10 Avg. Customer Growth | Total * |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
|                |                                  |                           |                 | Intercept          | Slope |                             |                                  |  |                                   |         |

| PEAK         |         |         |    |        |       |         |        |         |        |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|----|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| PNG          | 158,298 | 158,298 | 99 | 26,150 | 2,217 | 259,378 | 64,651 | 194,727 | -0.10% | 194,598 |
| <b>Total</b> | 158,298 | 158,298 |    |        |       |         |        |         |        | 194,598 |

| OFF PEAK     |         |         |    |        |       |         |        |         |        |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|----|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| PNG          | 158,298 | 158,298 | 55 | 26,150 | 2,217 | 161,224 | 41,677 | 119,547 | -0.10% | 119,468 |
| <b>Total</b> | 158,298 | 158,298 |    |        |       |         |        |         |        | 119,468 |

\* Adjusted for customer growth

**Footnote 1:** Regression Total is based on total through-put data.

**Footnote 2:** Regression Adjustment subtracts out Interruptible, Transportation and Joint Interruptible volumes and adds adjustment to achieve 97.5% confidence level that actual demand under design conditions will not exceed estimate.

**Footnote 3:** Total equals Regression Total minus Regression Adjustment.

\*55 is the 30 yr unadjusted heating degree days from NOAA, not adjusted for windspeed.

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**DESIGN-DAY DEMAND PER CUSTOMER - GS**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

**NNG**

| <u>Heating Season</u> | <u>No. of Firm Customers</u> | <u>Design Day Requirements</u> | <u>MMBtus /Customer /Day</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10/11                 | 158,298                      | 194,598                        | 1.23                         |
| 09/10                 | 157,670                      | 203,360                        | 1.29                         |
| 08/09                 | 156,973                      | 225,397                        | 1.44                         |
| 07/08                 | 155,910                      | 202,263                        | 1.30                         |
| 06/07                 | 149,049                      | 200,484                        | 1.35                         |
| 05/06                 | 148,308                      | 200,421                        | 1.35                         |
| 04/05                 | 143,896                      | 207,834                        | 1.44                         |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**SUMMER/WINTER USAGE - Mcf**  
**PROJECTED 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 2010**  
**NNG**

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Summer<br/>Apr-Oct</u> | <u>Winter<br/>Nov-Mar</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| GS           | 5,507,757                 | 14,415,137                | 19,922,894        |
| SVI          | 899,643                   | 1,668,434                 | 2,568,077         |
| SVJ          | 0                         | 0                         | 0                 |
| LVI          | 298,069                   | 420,332                   | 718,401           |
| LVJ          | 0                         | 0                         | 0                 |
| SLV          | <u>0</u>                  | <u>0</u>                  | 0                 |
| <b>Total</b> | <u>6,705,469</u>          | <u>16,503,903</u>         | <u>23,209,372</u> |



**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**ENTITLEMENT LEVELS**

**PROPOSED TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

| <u>Type of<br/>Capacity or<br/>Entitlement</u>   | <u>Current<br/>Amount<br/>Mcf or<br/>MMBtu</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>Change<br/>Mcf or<br/>MMBtu</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>Amount<br/>Mcf or<br/>MMBtu</u> |
|--|--|---|---|
| TF-12 Base & Variable                            | 59,804   | 7,361   | 67,165  |
| TF5  | 29,619   | (834)   | 28,785  |
| TFX - 12   | 31,199   | (2,397)   | 28,802  |
| TFX - 5  | 81,567   | (1,143)   | 80,424  |
| TFX- (Apr) Offpeak*                              | 2,000  | (216)   | 1,784   |
| TFX- (Oct) Offpeak*                              | 2,000  | (216)   | 1,784   |
| Bison  | 0  | 44,589  | 44,589  |
| NBPL   | 0  | 44,589  | 44,589  |
| Windom   | 2,500  | 0   | 2,500   |
| LSP Peaking Service                              | <u>26,375</u>                                  | <u>(424)</u>                                    | <u>25,951</u>                                   |
| Heating Season Total                             | <b>231,064</b>                                 | <b>2,563</b>                                    | <b>233,627</b>                                  |
| Non-Heating Season Total                         | 95,503   | 4,748   | 100,251   |
|  |  |   |   |
| Heating Season<br>Forecasted Design Day-Adjusted | 203,360  | (8,762)   | 194,598   |
|  |  |   |   |
| Non-Heating Season<br>Forecasted Design Day      | 126,892  | (7,424)   | 119,468   |
|  |  |   |   |
| Heating Season<br>Capacity Surplus/Shortage      | 27,704   | 11,325  | 39,029  |
|  |  |   |   |
| Non-Heating Season<br>Capacity Surplus/Shortage  | (31,389)                                       | 12,172  | (19,217)  |

\*Not included in Heating Season Total entitlement

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**RATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEMAND CHANGE**

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

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| All costs in \$/MMBtu | Last Base Cost of Gas<br>G007, G011/<br>MR08-836*<br>8-Oct | Last Demand Change<br>G011-<br>M-08-<br>Oct .08 | Last Demand Change<br>G011-<br>M-09-<br>Oct. 09 | Most Recent<br>PGA<br>Oct. 2010 | Current Proposal<br>Effective<br>Nov.1,2010 | Result of Proposed Change  |                                |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                       |  |   |   |                                 |   | Change from Last Rate Case | Change from Last Demand Change | Change from Last PGA | Change from Last PGA |

| 1) General Service: Avg. Annual Use:                         |            | 125        |          | Mcf      |          |            |          |        |          |
|--|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014   | \$5.9792   | \$3.7399 | \$3.9286 | \$4.0598 | (\$4.6416) | \$0.3199 | 3.34%  | \$0.1312 |
| Demand Cost  | \$1.1197   | \$1.0903   | \$1.0883 | \$1.0362 | \$1.6626 | \$0.5429   | \$0.5743 | 60.45% | \$0.6264 |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.6263   | \$1.6263   | \$1.6263 | \$1.7746 | \$1.7746 | \$0.1483   | \$0.1483 | 0.00%  | \$0.0000 |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$11.4474  | \$8.6958   | \$6.4545 | \$6.7394 | \$7.4970 | (\$3.9504) | \$1.0425 | 11.24% | \$0.7576 |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$1,429.40 | \$1,085.82 | \$805.95 | \$841.53 | \$936.13 | (\$493.27) | \$130.18 | 11.24% | \$94.60  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |            |            |          |          |          |            |          |        | \$16.39  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |            |            |          |          |          |            |          |        | \$78.22  |

| 2) Small Vol. Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:                |             | 4,080       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |       |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014    | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.0598    | (\$4.6416)    | \$0.3199   | 3.34% | \$0.1312 |
| Demand Cost  | \$0.0000    |             |             |             |             |               |            |       |          |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.1681    | \$1.1681    | (\$0.0753)    | (\$0.0753) | 0.00% | \$0.0000 |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.9448    | \$7.2226    | \$4.9833    | \$5.0967    | \$5.2279    | (\$4.7169)    | \$0.2446   | 2.57% | \$0.1312 |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$40,572.00 | \$29,466.19 | \$20,330.47 | \$20,793.11 | \$21,328.46 | (\$19,243.54) | \$997.99   | 2.57% | \$535.35 |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$535.35 |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$0.00   |

| 3) Large Vol. Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:                |              | 19,053       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |       |            |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|------------|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014     | \$5.9792     | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.0598    | (\$4.6416)    | \$0.3199   | 3.34% | \$0.1312   |
| Demand Cost  |              |              |             |             |             |               |            |       |            |
| Commodity Margin   | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592    | \$0.3248    | \$0.3248    | (\$0.0344)    | (\$0.0344) | 0.00% | \$0.0000   |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.0606     | \$6.3384     | \$4.0991    | \$4.2534    | \$4.3846    | (\$4.6760)    | \$0.2855   | 3.09% | \$0.1312   |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$172,633.79 | \$120,767.06 | \$78,101.14 | \$81,041.05 | \$83,541.25 | (\$89,092.54) | \$5,440.11 | 3.09% | \$2,500.20 |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |              |              |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$2,500.20 |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |              |              |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$0.00     |

| 4) Small Vol. Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                         |             | 4,080       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
|  |             | 25          |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014    | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.0598    | (\$4.6416)    | \$0.3199   | 3.34%   | \$0.1312   |
| Demand Cost  | \$13.4177   | \$12.0195   | \$10.3925   | \$9.3592    | \$10.7565   | (\$2.6612)    | \$0.3640   | 14.93%  | \$1.3973   |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.1681    | \$1.1681    | (\$0.0753)    | (\$0.0753) | 0.00%   | \$0.0000   |
| Demand Margin  | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$1.8000    | (\$0.2724)    | (\$0.2724) | -13.14% | (\$0.2724) |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.9448    | \$7.2226    | \$4.9833    | \$5.0967    | \$5.2279    | (\$4.7169)    | \$0.2446   | 2.57%   | \$0.1312   |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$15.4901   | \$14.0919   | \$12.4649   | \$11.4316   | \$12.5565   | (\$2.9336)    | \$0.0916   | 9.84%   | \$1.1249   |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$40,959.25 | \$29,818.48 | \$20,642.09 | \$21,078.90 | \$21,642.37 | (\$19,316.88) | \$1,000.28 | 2.67%   | \$563.47   |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$535.35   |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$34.93    |

| 5) Large Vol. Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                         |              | 14,841      |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
|  |              | 75          |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014     | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.0598    | (\$4.6416)    | \$0.3199   | 3.34%   | \$0.1312   |
| Demand Cost  | \$13.4177    | \$12.0195   | \$10.3925   | \$9.3592    | \$10.7565   | (\$2.6612)    | \$0.3640   | 14.93%  | \$1.3973   |
| Commodity Margin   | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592    | \$0.3592    | \$0.3248    | \$0.3248    | (\$0.0344)    | (\$0.0344) | 0.00%   | \$0.0000   |
| Demand Margin  | \$0.1658     | \$1.6579    | \$1.6579    | \$1.6579    | \$1.4000    | \$1.2342      | (\$0.2579) | -15.56% | (\$0.2579) |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.0606     | \$6.3384    | \$4.0991    | \$4.2534    | \$4.3846    | (\$4.6760)    | \$0.2855   | 3.09%   | \$0.1312   |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$13.5835    | \$13.6774   | \$12.0504   | \$11.0171   | \$12.1565   | (\$1.4270)    | \$0.1061   | 10.34%  | \$1.1394   |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$135,487.13 | \$95,094.00 | \$61,738.52 | \$63,950.99 | \$65,983.91 | (\$19,112.36) | \$4,245.38 | 3.18%   | \$2,032.92 |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |              |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$1,947.46 |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |              |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$104.80   |

Note: Average Annual Average based on PNG Annual Automatic Adjustment Report in

Docket No. E,G999/AA-09-896

\*Implemented with Interim rates

\*\*Interim rates implented on 10/1/08

## MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG

### RATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEMAND CHANGE

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| IV. NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S RATES -- CURRENT COST OF GAS EFFECTIVE |                  |                  |            |          | 01-Nov-10 |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------|----------|-----------|--|
|   | Tariff-Summer(7) | Tariff-Winter(5) | Wt. Annual | GRI      | Total     |  |
| TF-12B  | \$5.6830         | \$10.2300        | \$7.5776   | \$0.0000 | \$7.5776  |  |
| TF-12V  | \$5.6830         | \$13.8660        | \$9.0926   | \$0.0000 | \$9.0926  |  |
| TF-5  |                  | \$15.1530        | \$15.1530  | \$0.0000 | \$15.1530 |  |
| TFX   | \$5.6830         | \$15.1530        | \$9.6288   | \$0.0000 | \$9.6288  |  |
| TF-12B Discount   | \$5.6830         | \$7.6000         | \$6.4818   | \$0.0000 | \$6.4818  |  |
| Gas Cost  |                  |                  |            |          | \$4.0489  |  |

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>V. ANNUAL SALES -- RATE CASE 2008 TOTAL</b> | 213,137,630 |
|--|-------------|

| VI. PNG'S CURRENT COST OF GAS EFFECTIVE: |   |               |         |        |           |   |              | 01-Nov-10        | Rate/CCF |
|--|---|---------------|---------|--------|-----------|---|--------------|------------------|----------|
| A. GS                                    |   | Contract #(s) |         | Months |           |   |              |                  |          |
|  | TF12B (Max Rate)                              | 112495        | 29,675  | 12     | \$7.5776  | = | \$2,698,383  | \$0.01396        |          |
|  | TF12V (Max Rate)                              | 112495        | 32,290  | 12     | \$9.0926  | = | \$3,523,201  | \$0.01822        |          |
|  | TF5 (Max Rate)                                | 112495        | 28,785  | 5      | \$15.1530 | = | \$2,180,896  | \$0.01128        |          |
|  | TF12B (Discount-Winter)                       | 112495        | 5,200   | 12     | \$6.4818  | = | \$404,464    | \$0.00209        |          |
|  | TF5 (Discount-Winter)                         | 112495        | 0       | 5      | \$7.6000  | = | \$0          | \$0.00000        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 112561        | 5,351   | 5      | \$4.5600  | = | \$122,003    | \$0.00063        |          |
|  | TFX12 (Max Rate)                              | 112486        | 9,651   | 12     | \$9.6288  | = | \$1,115,131  | \$0.00577        |          |
|  | TFX Apr (Max Rate)                            | 112486        | 1,784   | 1      | \$5.6830  | = | \$10,138     | \$0.00005        |          |
|  | TFX Oct (Max Rate)                            | 112486        | 1,784   | 1      | \$5.6830  | = | \$10,138     | \$0.00005        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Max Rate)                               | 112486        | 51,163  | 5      | \$15.1530 | = | \$3,876,365  | \$0.02005        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 112486        | 0       | 5      | \$13.8736 | = | \$0          | \$0.00000        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 112486        | 1,605   | 5      | \$7.6050  | = | \$61,030     | \$0.00032        |          |
|  | TFX12 (Discount)                              | 111866        | 1,144   | 12     | \$4.8640  | = | \$66,773     | \$0.00035        |          |
|  | TFX12 (Discount)                              | 111866        | 7,376   | 12     | \$5.4720  | = | \$484,338    | \$0.00251        |          |
|  | TFX12 (Discount)                              | 111866        | 10,631  | 12     | \$2.2192  | = | \$283,108    | \$0.00146        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 111866        | 338     | 5      | \$4.8640  | = | \$8,220      | \$0.00004        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 111866        | 2,180   | 5      | \$5.4720  | = | \$59,645     | \$0.00031        |          |
|  | TFX5 (Discount)                               | 111866        | 19,788  | 5      | \$15.1392 | = | \$1,497,872  | \$0.00775        |          |
|  | SMS   | 112521        | 20,226  | 12     | \$2.1800  | = | \$529,112    | \$0.00274        |          |
|  | Bison   | FT0003        | 44,589  | 10.5   | \$17.4800 | = | \$8,183,865  | \$0.04233        |          |
|  | NBPL  | T8673F        | 44,589  | 10.5   | \$6.9920  | = | \$3,273,546  | \$0.01693        |          |
|  | LS Power                                      |               | 25,951  | 3      | \$4.3463  | = | \$338,369    | \$0.00175        |          |
|  | WINDOM  |               | 2,500   | 12     | \$0.0000  | = | \$0          | \$0.00000        |          |
|  | FDD: Storage Reservation                      | 118657        | 67,273  | 12     | \$1.7140  | = | \$1,383,671  | \$0.00716        |          |
|  | Storage Cycle Volume                          | 118657        | 775,728 | 5      | \$0.3567  | = | \$1,383,511  | \$0.00716        |          |
|  | Storage Reservation                           | 118657        | 4,949   | 12     | \$3.3157  | = | \$196,913    | \$0.00102        |          |
|  | Storage Cycle Volume                          | 118657        | 57,074  | 5      | \$0.6901  | = | \$196,934    | \$0.00102        |          |
|  | Storage Reservation                           | 121292        | 6,187   | 12     | \$1.7140  | = | \$127,254    | \$0.00066        |          |
|  | Storage Cycle Volume                          | 121292        | 71,342  | 5      | \$0.3567  | = | \$127,238    | \$0.00066        |          |
|  | Total Demand Cost                             |               |         |        |           |   | \$32,142,118 | \$0.16626        |          |
|  | <b>Rate Case 2008 volume in Ccf</b>           |               |         |        |           |   | 193,321,000  |                  |          |
|  | <b>GS-1 Demand Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b>    |               |         |        |           |   |              | <b>\$0.16626</b> |          |
|  | <b>GS-1 Commodity Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b> |               |         |        |           |   |              | <b>\$0.40598</b> |          |
|  | <b>Total GS-1 Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b>     |               |         |        |           |   |              | <b>\$0.57224</b> |          |

| B. GS-1, SVI, LVI, SJ-1, LJ-1, SLV-Commodity                            |                    |   |               |                 |                         |                 |           |
|---|--------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|   | Annual Sales (Dth) | x | Rate (\$/Dth) | Commodity Cost  | Rate Case Sales (therm) | Rate (\$/therm) |           |
| CD-1 Commodity  | 21,313,763         | x | \$4.0489      | \$86,297,295.01 | 213,137,630             | \$0.40489       |           |
| Call Option Premium   |                    |   |               | \$ 232,781      | 213,137,630             | \$0.00109       |           |
| <b>GS-1, SVI-1, SJ-1, LJ-1, SLV Commodity Current Cost of Gas/therm</b> |                    |   |               | \$ 86,530,076   | 213,137,630             | \$0.40598       |           |
| CURRENT FIRM TRANSPORTATION COST OF GAS (CCF)                           |                    |   |               |                 |                         |                 | \$0.75776 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>C. JOINT RATE DEMAND CALCULATION (SEE SCHEDULE C)</b> | \$1.07565 | \$1.07565 |
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**COSTS ASSIGNED IN COMMODITY:**

| <u>Canadian Contracts</u> | <u>Units</u><br>(b) | <u>Cost/Unit</u> | <u>Day/Mo</u> | <u>Cost</u><br>(d) | <u>\$/Ccf</u>    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <u>Upstream:</u>          |                     |                  |               |                    |                  |
| Great Lakes               | 0                   | \$3.458          | 12            | \$0                | \$0.00000        |
|                           |                     |                  |               |                    | <u>\$0.00000</u> |
| <u>Storage:</u>           |                     |                  |               |                    |                  |
|                           | <u>Contract #</u>   |                  |               |                    |                  |
| FDD Withdrawal            | 118657              | 4,164,007        | \$0.0149      | \$62,044           | \$0.00029        |
| FDD Injection             | 118657              | 4,164,007        | \$0.0149      | \$62,044           | \$0.00029        |
| FDD Withdrawal            | 121292              | 356,712          | \$0.0149      | \$5,315            | \$0.00002        |
| FDD Injection             | 121292              | 300,000          | \$0.0149      | \$4,470            | \$0.00002        |
|                           |                     |                  |               |                    | <u>\$0.00063</u> |
| Call Option Premiums      | 4,720,000           | \$0.3975         |               | \$1,876,399        | \$0.00880        |
| Total Commodity Costs     |                     |                  |               | <u>\$2,010,272</u> | <u>\$0.00943</u> |

**COSTS ASSIGNED IN JOINT RATE:**

|                         | <u>Units</u> | <u>Contract #</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Cost/Unit</u>        |   | <u>Cost</u>      | <u>\$/Ccf</u>    |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| TF12B (Max Rate)        | 29,675       | 112495            | 12           | \$7.5776                | = | \$2,698,383      | \$0.09030        |
| TF12V (Max Rate)        | 32,290       | 112495            | 12           | \$9.0926                | = | \$3,523,201      | \$0.11791        |
| TF5 (Max Rate)          | 28,785       | 112495            | 5            | \$15.1530               | = | \$2,180,896      | \$0.07298        |
| TF12B (Discount-Winter) | 5,200        | 112495            | 12           | \$6.4818                | = | \$404,464        | \$0.01354        |
| TF5 (Discount-Winter)   | 0            | 112495            | 5            | \$7.6000                | = | \$0              | \$0.00000        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 5,351        | 112561            | 5            | \$4.5600                | = | \$122,003        | \$0.00408        |
| TFX12 (Max Rate)        | 9,651        | 112486            | 12           | \$9.6288                | = | \$1,115,131      | \$0.03732        |
| TFX Apr (Max Rate)      | 1,784        | 112486            | 1            | \$5.6830                | = | \$10,138         | \$0.00034        |
| TFX Oct (Max Rate)      | 1,784        | 112486            | 1            | \$5.6830                | = | \$10,138         | \$0.00034        |
| TFX5 (Max Rate)         | 51,163       | 112486            | 5            | \$15.1530               | = | \$3,876,365      | \$0.12972        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 0            | 112486            | 5            | \$13.8736               | = | \$0              | \$0.00000        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 1,605        | 112486            | 5            | \$7.6050                | = | \$61,030         | \$0.00204        |
| TFX12 (Discount)        | 1,144        | 111866            | 12           | \$4.8640                | = | \$66,773         | \$0.00223        |
| TFX12 (Discount)        | 7,376        | 111866            | 12           | \$5.4720                | = | \$484,338        | \$0.01621        |
| TFX12 (Discount)        | 10,631       | 111866            | 12           | \$2.2192                | = | \$283,108        | \$0.00947        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 338          | 111866            | 5            | \$4.8640                | = | \$8,220          | \$0.00028        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 2,180        | 111866            | 5            | \$5.4720                | = | \$59,645         | \$0.00200        |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 19,788       | 111866            | 5            | \$15.1392               | = | \$1,497,872      | \$0.05013        |
| SMS                     | 20,226       | 112521            | 12           | \$2.1800                | = | \$529,112        | \$0.01771        |
| Bison                   | 44,589       | FT0003            | 10.5         | \$17.4800               | = | \$8,183,865      | \$0.27388        |
| NBPL                    | 44,589       | T8673F            | 10.5         | \$6.9920                | = | \$3,273,546      | \$0.10955        |
| LS Power                | 25,951       |                   | 3            | \$4.3463                | = | \$338,369        | \$0.01132        |
| WINDOM                  | 2,500        |                   | 12           | \$0.0000                | = | \$0              | \$0.00000        |
| Storage Reservation     | 67,273       | 118657            | 12           | \$1.7140                | = | \$1,383,671      | \$0.04631        |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 775,728      | 118657            | 5            | \$0.3567                | = | \$1,383,511      | \$0.04630        |
| Storage Reservation     | 4,949        | 118657            | 12           | \$3.3157                | = | \$196,913        | \$0.00659        |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 57,074       | 118657            | 5            | \$0.6901                | = | \$196,934        | \$0.00659        |
| Storage Reservation     | 6,187        | 121292            | 12           | \$1.7140                | = | \$127,254        | \$0.00426        |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 71,342       | 121292            | 5            | \$0.3567                | = | \$127,238        | \$0.00426        |
|                         |              |                   |              | <b>TOTAL</b>            |   | \$32,142,118     |                  |
|                         |              |                   |              | Annualized Entitlement  |   | 29,881,560       |                  |
|                         |              |                   |              | <b>Demand Component</b> |   | <u>\$1,07565</u> | <u>\$1.07565</u> |

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RATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEMAND CHANGE (Illustrates FDD storage contract costs shifted from Demand costs to Commodity costs)  
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| All costs in<br>\$/MMBtu | Last Base<br>Cost of<br>Gas<br>G007,G011/<br>MR08-836*<br>Oct. 08 | Demand<br>Change<br>G011-<br>M-08-<br>Oct. 08 | Last<br>Demand<br>Change<br>G011-<br>M-09-<br>Oct. 09 | Most<br>Recent<br>PGA<br>Oct. 2010 | Current<br>Proposal<br>Effective<br>Nov.1,2010 | Result of Proposed Change                |  |                                    |                                     |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                          |   |   |   |                                    |  | Change<br>from<br>Last<br>Rate<br>Case** | Change<br>from<br>Last<br>Demand<br>Change | Change<br>from<br>Last<br>PGA<br>% | Change<br>from<br>Last<br>PGA<br>\$ |
|                          |   |   |   |                                    |  |  |  |                                    |                                     |

| 1) General Service: Avg. Annual Use:                         |            | 125        |          | Mcf      |          |            |          |        |          |  |
|--|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|--|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014   | \$5.9792   | \$3.7399 | \$3.9286 | \$4.2201 | (\$4.4813) | \$0.4802 | 7.42%  | \$0.2915 |  |
| Demand Cost  | \$1.1197   | \$1.0903   | \$1.0883 | \$1.0362 | \$1.4860 | \$0.3663   | \$0.3977 | 43.40% | \$0.4498 |  |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.6263   | \$1.6263   | \$1.6263 | \$1.7746 | \$1.7746 | \$0.1483   | \$0.1483 | 0.00%  | \$0.0000 |  |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$11.4474  | \$8.6958   | \$6.4545 | \$6.7394 | \$7.4806 | (\$3.9668) | \$1.0261 | 11.00% | \$0.7412 |  |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$1,429.40 | \$1,085.82 | \$805.96 | \$841.53 | \$934.08 | (\$495.32) | \$128.13 | 11.00% | \$92.55  |  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |            |            |          |          |          |            |          |        | \$36.40  |  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |            |            |          |          |          |            |          |        | \$56.16  |  |

| 2) Small Vol. Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:                |             | 4,080       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |       |            |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|------------|--|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014    | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.2201    | (\$4.4813)    | \$0.4802   | 7.42% | \$0.2915   |  |
| Demand Cost  | \$0.0000    | \$0.0000    | \$0.0000    | \$0.0000    | \$0.0000    | \$0.0000      | \$0.0000   | 0.00% | \$0.0000   |  |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.1681    | \$1.1681    | (\$0.0753)    | (\$0.0753) | 0.00% | \$0.0000   |  |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.9448    | \$7.2226    | \$4.9833    | \$5.0967    | \$5.3882    | (\$4.5566)    | \$0.4049   | 5.72% | \$0.2915   |  |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$40,572.00 | \$29,466.19 | \$20,330.47 | \$20,793.11 | \$21,982.23 | (\$18,589.77) | \$1,651.76 | 5.72% | \$1,189.12 |  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$1,189.12 |  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$0.00     |  |

| 3) Large Vol. Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:                |              | 19,053       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |       |            |  |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|------------|--|
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014     | \$5.9792     | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.2201    | (\$4.4813)    | \$0.4802   | 7.42% | \$0.2915   |  |
| Demand Cost  | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592    | \$0.3248    | \$0.3248    | (\$0.0344)    | (\$0.0344) | 0.00% | \$0.0000   |  |
| Commodity Margin   | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592    | \$0.3248    | \$0.3248    | (\$0.0344)    | (\$0.0344) | 0.00% | \$0.0000   |  |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.0606     | \$6.3384     | \$4.0991    | \$4.2534    | \$4.5449    | (\$4.5157)    | \$0.4458   | 6.85% | \$0.2915   |  |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$172,633.79 | \$120,767.06 | \$78,101.14 | \$81,041.05 | \$86,594.52 | (\$86,039.26) | \$8,493.39 | 6.85% | \$5,553.47 |  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |              |              |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$5,553.47 |  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |              |              |             |             |             |               |            |       | \$0.00     |  |

| 4) Small Vol. Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                         |             | 4,080       |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|--|
|  |             | 25          |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |  |
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014    | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.2201    | (\$4.4813)    | \$0.4802   | 7.42%   | \$0.2915   |  |
| Demand Cost  | \$13.4177   | \$12.0195   | \$10.3925   | \$9.3592    | \$15.8792   | \$2.4615      | \$5.4867   | 69.66%  | \$6.5200   |  |
| Commodity Margin   | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.2434    | \$1.1681    | \$1.1681    | (\$0.0753)    | (\$0.0753) | 0.00%   | \$0.0000   |  |
| Demand Margin  | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$2.0724    | \$1.8000    | (\$0.2724)    | (\$0.2724) | -13.14% | (\$0.2724) |  |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.9448    | \$7.2226    | \$4.9833    | \$5.0967    | \$5.3882    | (\$4.5566)    | \$0.4049   | 5.72%   | \$0.2915   |  |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$15.4901   | \$14.0919   | \$12.4649   | \$11.4316   | \$17.6792   | \$2.1891      | \$5.2143   | 54.65%  | \$6.2476   |  |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$40,959.25 | \$29,818.48 | \$20,642.09 | \$21,078.90 | \$22,424.21 | (\$18,535.04) | \$1,782.12 | 6.38%   | \$1,345.31 |  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$1,189.12 |  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |             |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$163.00   |  |

| 5) Large Vol. Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                         |              | 14,841      |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |  |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|--|
|  |              | 75          |             | Mcf         |             |               |            |         |            |  |
| Commodity Cost   | \$8.7014     | \$5.9792    | \$3.7399    | \$3.9286    | \$4.2201    | (\$4.4813)    | \$0.4802   | 7.42%   | \$0.2915   |  |
| Demand Cost  | \$13.4177    | \$12.0195   | \$10.3925   | \$9.3592    | \$15.8792   | \$2.4615      | \$5.4867   | 69.66%  | \$6.5200   |  |
| Commodity Margin   | \$0.3592     | \$0.3592    | \$0.3592    | \$0.3248    | \$0.3248    | (\$0.0344)    | (\$0.0344) | 0.00%   | \$0.0000   |  |
| Demand Margin  | \$0.1658     | \$1.6579    | \$1.6579    | \$1.6579    | \$1.4000    | \$1.2342      | (\$0.2579) | -15.56% | (\$0.2579) |  |
| Total Cost of Gas  | \$9.0606     | \$6.3384    | \$4.0991    | \$4.2534    | \$4.5449    | (\$4.5157)    | \$0.4458   | 6.85%   | \$0.2915   |  |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$13.5835    | \$13.6774   | \$12.0504   | \$11.0171   | \$17.2792   | \$3.6957      | \$5.2288   | 56.84%  | \$6.2621   |  |
| Avg Annual Cost  | \$135,487.13 | \$95,094.00 | \$61,738.52 | \$63,950.99 | \$68,746.37 | (\$18,330.52) | \$7,007.85 | 7.50%   | \$4,795.38 |  |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |              |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$4,325.72 |  |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |              |             |             |             |             |               |            |         | \$489.00   |  |

Note: Average Annual Average based on PNG Annual Automatic Adjustment Report in

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\*Implemented with Interim rates

\*\*Interim rates implemented on 10/1/08

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Illustrates FDD storage contract costs shifted from Demand costs to Commodity costs

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| IV. NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S RATES -- CURRENT COST OF GAS EFFECTIVE |                  |                           |                |               |                     | 01-Nov-10               |                  |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|   | Tariff-Summer(7) | Tariff-Winter(5)          | Wt. Annual     | GRI           | Total               |                         |                  |
| TF-12B  | \$5.6830         | \$10.2300                 | \$7.5776       | \$0.0000      | \$7.5776            |                         |                  |
| TF-12V  | \$5.6830         | \$13.8660                 | \$9.0926       | \$0.0000      | \$9.0926            |                         |                  |
| TF-5  |                  | \$15.1530                 | \$15.1530      | \$0.0000      | \$15.1530           |                         |                  |
| TFX   | \$5.6830         | \$15.1530                 | \$9.6288       | \$0.0000      | \$9.6288            |                         |                  |
| TF-12B Discount   | \$5.6830         | \$7.6000                  | \$6.4818       | \$0.0000      | \$6.4818            |                         |                  |
| Gas Cost  |                  |                           |                |               | \$4,0489            |                         |                  |
| <b>V. ANNUAL SALES -- RATE CASE 2008 TOTAL</b>                            |                  |                           |                |               |                     | 213,137,630             |                  |
| VI. PNG'S CURRENT COST OF GAS EFFECTIVE:                                  |                  |                           |                |               |                     | 01-Nov-10               |                  |
|   | Contract #(s)    | Months                    | Rate/CCF       |               |                     |                         |                  |
| <b>A. GS</b>  |                  |                           |                |               |                     |                         |                  |
| TF12B (Max Rate)  | 112495           | 29,675                    | 12 \$7.5776    | =             | \$2,698,383         | \$0.01396               |                  |
| TF12V (Max Rate)  | 112495           | 32,290                    | 12 \$9.0926    | =             | \$3,523,201         | \$0.01822               |                  |
| TF5 (Max Rate)  | 112495           | 28,785                    | 5 \$15.1530    | =             | \$2,180,896         | \$0.01128               |                  |
| TF12B (Discount-Winter)   | 112495           | 5,200                     | 12 \$6.4818    | =             | \$404,464           | \$0.00209               |                  |
| TF5 (Discount-Winter)   | 112495           | 0                         | 5 \$7.6000     | =             | \$0                 | \$0.00000               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 112561           | 5,351                     | 5 \$4.5600     | =             | \$122,003           | \$0.00063               |                  |
| TFX12 (Max Rate)  | 112486           | 9,651                     | 12 \$9.6288    | =             | \$1,115,131         | \$0.00577               |                  |
| TFX Apr (Max Rate)  | 112486           | 1,784                     | 1 \$5.6830     | =             | \$10,138            | \$0.00005               |                  |
| TFX Oct (Max Rate)  | 112486           | 1,784                     | 1 \$5.6830     | =             | \$10,138            | \$0.00005               |                  |
| TFX5 (Max Rate)   | 112486           | 51,163                    | 5 \$15.1530    | =             | \$3,876,365         | \$0.02005               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 112486           | 0                         | 5 \$13.8736    | =             | \$0                 | \$0.00000               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 112486           | 1,605                     | 5 \$7.6050     | =             | \$61,030            | \$0.00032               |                  |
| TFX12 (Discount)  | 111866           | 1,144                     | 12 \$4.8640    | =             | \$66,773            | \$0.00035               |                  |
| TFX12 (Discount)  | 111866           | 7,376                     | 12 \$5.4720    | =             | \$484,338           | \$0.00251               |                  |
| TFX12 (Discount)  | 111866           | 10,631                    | 12 \$2.2192    | =             | \$283,108           | \$0.00146               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 111866           | 338                       | 5 \$4.8640     | =             | \$8,220             | \$0.00004               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 111866           | 2,180                     | 5 \$5.4720     | =             | \$59,645            | \$0.00031               |                  |
| TFX5 (Discount)   | 111866           | 19,788                    | 5 \$15.1392    | =             | \$1,497,872         | \$0.00775               |                  |
| SMS   | 112521           | 20,226                    | 12 \$2.1800    | =             | \$529,112           | \$0.00274               |                  |
| Bison   | FT0003           | 44,589                    | 10.5 \$17.4800 | =             | \$8,183,865         | \$0.04233               |                  |
| NBPL  | T8673F           | 44,589                    | 10.5 \$6.9920  | =             | \$3,273,546         | \$0.01693               |                  |
| LS Power  |                  | 25,951                    | 3 \$4.3463     | =             | \$338,369           | \$0.00175               |                  |
| WINDOM  |                  | 2,500                     | 12 \$0.0000    | =             | \$0                 | \$0.00000               |                  |
| <b>Total Demand Cost</b>  |                  |                           |                |               | <b>\$28,726,597</b> | <b>\$0.14860</b>        |                  |
| <b>Rate Case 2008 volume in Ccf</b>                                       |                  |                           |                |               | <b>193,321,000</b>  |                         |                  |
| <b>GS-1 Demand Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b>                                |                  |                           |                |               |                     | <b>\$0.14860</b>        |                  |
| <b>GS-1 Commodity Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b>                             |                  |                           |                |               |                     | <b>\$0.42201</b>        |                  |
| <b>Total GS-1 Current Cost of Gas/Ccf</b>                                 |                  |                           |                |               |                     | <b>\$0.57060</b>        |                  |
| <b>B. GS-1, SVI, LVI, SJ-1, LJ-1, SLV-Commodity</b>                       |                  |                           |                |               |                     |                         |                  |
|   |                  | Monthly Entitlement (Dth) | Months         | Rate (\$/Dth) | Contract Costs      | Contract Costs          | Rate (\$/therm)  |
| FDD: FDD - Reservation  | 118657           | 67,273                    | 12             | \$1.7140      | =                   | \$1,383,671             | \$0.00649        |
| FDD - Storage Cycle   | 118657           | 775,728                   | 5              | \$0.3567      | =                   | \$1,383,511             | \$0.00649        |
| FDD - Reservation   | 118657           | 4,949                     | 12             | \$3.3157      | =                   | \$196,913               | \$0.00092        |
| FDD - Storage Cycle   | 118657           | 57,074                    | 5              | \$0.6901      | =                   | \$196,934               | \$0.00092        |
| FDD - Reservation   | 121292           | 6,187                     | 12             | \$1.7140      | =                   | \$127,254               | \$0.00060        |
| FDD - Storage Cycle   | 121292           | 71,342                    | 5              | \$0.3567      | =                   | \$127,238               | \$0.00060        |
| Firm Deferred Delivery Storage Contracts                                  |                  |                           |                |               |                     | \$3,415,521             | \$0.01602        |
|   |                  | Annual Sales (Dth)        | x              | Rate (\$/Dth) | Commodity Cost      | Rate Case Sales (therm) | Rate (\$/therm)  |
| CD-1 Commodity  |                  | 21,313,763                |                | \$4.0489      | \$86,297,295        | 213,137,630             | \$0.40489        |
| Call Option Premium   |                  |                           |                |               | \$232,781           | 213,137,630             | \$0.00109        |
| <b>GS-1, SVI-1, SJ-1, LJ-1, SLV Commodity Current Cost of Gas/therm</b>   |                  |                           |                |               | <b>\$89,945,597</b> | <b>213,137,630</b>      | <b>\$0.42201</b> |
| CURRENT FIRM TRANSPORTATION COST OF GAS (CCF)                             |                  |                           |                |               |                     |                         | \$0.75776        |
| <b>C. JOINT RATE DEMAND CALCULATION (SEE SCHEDULE C)</b>                  |                  |                           |                | \$1.58792     |                     |                         | \$1.58792        |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG****RATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEMAND CHANGE**

Illustrates FDD storage contract costs shifted from Demand costs to Commodity costs

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

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**COSTS ASSIGNED IN COMMODITY:**

| <u>Canadian Contracts</u> | <u>Units</u><br>(b) | <u>Cost/Unit</u> | <u>Day/Mo</u> | <u>Cost</u><br>(d) | <u>\$/Ccf</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <u>Upstream:</u>          |                     |                  |               |                    |               |
| Great Lakes               | 0                   | \$3.458          | 12            | \$0                | \$0.00000     |
|                           |                     |                  |               |                    | \$0.00000     |
| <u>Storage:</u>           |                     |                  |               |                    |               |
|                           | <u>Contract #</u>   |                  |               |                    |               |
| FDD Withdrawal            | 118657              | 4,164,007        |               | \$62,044           | \$0.00029     |
| FDD Injection             | 118657              | 4,164,007        |               | \$62,044           | \$0.00029     |
| FDD Withdrawal            | 121292              | 356,712          |               | \$5,315            | \$0.00002     |
| FDD Injection             | 121292              | 356,712          |               | \$5,315            | \$0.00002     |
|                           |                     |                  |               |                    | \$0.00063     |
| Call Option Premiums      | 4,720,000           | \$0.3975         |               | \$1,876,399        | \$0.00880     |
| Total Commodity Costs     |                     |                  |               | \$2,011,117        | \$0.00944     |

**COSTS ASSIGNED IN JOINT RATE:**

|                         | <u>Units</u> | <u>Contract #</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Cost/Unit</u> |   | <u>Cost</u>  | <u>\$/Ccf</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|---|--------------|---------------|
| TF12B (Max Rate)        | 29,675       | 112495            | 12           | \$7.5776         | = | \$2,698,383  | \$0.14916     |
| TF12V (Max Rate)        | 32,290       | 112495            | 12           | \$9.0926         | = | \$3,523,201  | \$0.19475     |
| TF5 (Max Rate)          | 28,785       | 112495            | 5            | \$15.1530        | = | \$2,180,896  | \$0.12055     |
| TF12B (Discount-Winter) | 5,200        | 112495            | 12           | \$6.4818         | = | \$404,464    | \$0.02236     |
| TF5 (Discount-Winter)   | 0            | 112495            | 5            | \$7.6000         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 5,351        | 112561            | 5            | \$4.5600         | = | \$122,003    | \$0.00674     |
| TFX12 (Max Rate)        | 9,651        | 112486            | 12           | \$9.6288         | = | \$1,115,131  | \$0.06164     |
| TFX Apr (Max Rate)      | 1,784        | 112486            | 1            | \$5.6830         | = | \$10,138     | \$0.00056     |
| TFX Oct (Max Rate)      | 1,784        | 112486            | 1            | \$5.6830         | = | \$10,138     | \$0.00056     |
| TFX5 (Max Rate)         | 51,163       | 112486            | 5            | \$15.1530        | = | \$3,876,365  | \$0.21427     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 0            | 112486            | 5            | \$13.8736        | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 1,605        | 112486            | 5            | \$7.6050         | = | \$61,030     | \$0.00337     |
| TFX12 (Discount)        | 1,144        | 111866            | 12           | \$4.8640         | = | \$66,773     | \$0.00369     |
| TFX12 (Discount)        | 7,376        | 111866            | 12           | \$5.4720         | = | \$484,338    | \$0.02677     |
| TFX7 (Discount)         | 10,631       | 111866            | 12           | \$2.2192         | = | \$283,108    | \$0.01565     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 338          | 111866            | 5            | \$4.8640         | = | \$8,220      | \$0.00045     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 2,180        | 111866            | 5            | \$5.4720         | = | \$59,645     | \$0.00330     |
| TFX5 (Discount)         | 19,788       | 111866            | 5            | \$15.1392        | = | \$1,497,872  | \$0.08280     |
| SMS                     | 20,226       | 112521            | 12           | \$2.1800         | = | \$529,112    | \$0.02925     |
| Bison                   | 44,589       | FT0003            | 10.5         | \$17.4800        | = | \$8,183,865  | \$0.45238     |
| NBPL                    | 44,589       | T8673F            | 10.5         | \$6.9920         | = | \$3,273,546  | \$0.18095     |
| LS Power                | 25,951       |                   | 3            | \$4.3463         | = | \$338,369    | \$0.01870     |
| WINDOM                  | 2,500        |                   | 12           | \$0.0000         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Reservation     | 67,273       | 118657            | 0            | \$1.7140         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 775,728      | 118657            | 0            | \$0.3567         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Reservation     | 4,949        | 118657            | 0            | \$3.3157         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 57,074       | 118657            | 0            | \$0.6901         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Reservation     | 6,187        | 121292            | 0            | \$1.7140         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| Storage Cycle Volume    | 71,342       | 121292            | 0            | \$0.3567         | = | \$0          | \$0.00000     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |              |                   |              |                  |   | \$28,726,597 |               |
| Annualized Entitlement  |              |                   |              |                  |   | 18,090,750   |               |
| <b>Demand Component</b> |              |                   |              |                  |   | \$1,58792    | \$1.58792     |

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| <b>MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES</b> |
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**NNG Entitlement Allocation  
Heating Season 2010-2011**

|  | Total<br>Entitlement<br>Levels | PNG<br>GS | NMU<br>GS | Total     |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Design Day   | 218,213                        | 194,598   | 23,615    | 218,213   |
| 2 Customer Requirements moving to Transport  | -                              | -         | -         | -         |
| 3 Adjusted Design Day  | 218,213                        | 194,598   | 23,615    | 218,213   |
|  |                                | 89.18%    | 10.82%    | 100.00%   |
| 5 Total Design Day Capacity  | 261,675                        | 233,627   | 28,048    | 261,675   |
| 6 Less: Windom   | (2,500)                        | (2,500)   |           | (2,500)   |
| 7 Less: LS Power   | (29,100)                       | (25,951)  | (3,149)   | (29,100)  |
| 8 Less: Chisago Delivery to Viking   | 0                              | -         |           | -         |
| 9 Less: Contract Demand Units  | 0                              | 0         |           | -         |
|  | 230,075                        | 205,176   | 24,899    | 230,075   |
| <b>Direct Assigned Entitlement</b>   |                                |           |           |           |
| 10 TF12B (112495)  | 39,107                         | 34,875    | 4,232     | 39,107    |
| 11 TF12V (112495)  | 36,209                         | 32,290    | 3,919     | 36,209    |
| 12 TF5 (112495)  | 32,278                         | 28,785    | 3,493     | 32,278    |
| 13 TFX12 (112486)  | 10,822                         | 9,651     | 1,171     | 10,822    |
| 14 TFX April Only (112486)   | 2,000                          | 1,784     | 216       | 2,000     |
| 15 TFX October Only (112486)   | 2,000                          | 1,784     | 216       | 2,000     |
| 16 TFX5 (112486)   | 59,171                         | 52,768    | 6,403     | 59,171    |
| 17 TFX12 (111866)  | 21,475                         | 19,151    | 2,324     | 21,475    |
| 18 TFX5 (111866)   | 25,013                         | 22,306    | 2,707     | 25,013    |
| 19 TFX5 (112561)   | 6,000                          | 5,351     | 649       | 6,000     |
| 20 Bison (FT 0003) *   | 50,000                         | 44,589    | 5,411     | 50,000    |
| 21 NBPL (T6873F) *   | 50,000                         | 44,589    | 5,411     | 50,000    |
| 22 Total Winter Allocated Entitlement  | 230,075                        | 205,176   | 24,899    | 230,075   |
| 23 Windom  | 2,500                          | 2,500     | 0         | 2,500     |
| 24 LS Power  | 29,100                         | 25,951    | 3,149     | 29,100    |
| 25 Total Design Day Capacity   | 261,675                        | 233,627   | 28,048    | 261,675   |
| 26 Contract Demand   |                                |           |           | -         |
| 27 Total Design Day Capacity   | 261,675                        | 233,627   | 28,048    | 261,675   |
|  |                                | 89.28%    | 10.72%    | 100.00%   |
| <b>Other Entitlements not included in Peak Day Deliverability: allocation based on design day % on line 19</b> |                                |           |           |           |
| 28 <u>Storage</u>  |                                |           |           |           |
| 29 Storage MSQ - 118657  | 4,669,321                      | 4,164,007 | 505,314   | 4,669,321 |
| 30 Storage MSQ - 121292  | 400,000                        | 356,712   | 43,288    | 400,000   |
| 31 SMS   | 22,680                         | 20,226    | 2,454     | 22,680    |
| 32 Total Entitlement   | 261,675                        | 233,627   | 28,048    | 261,675   |
| 33 Design Day  | 218,213                        | 194,598   | 23,615    | 218,213   |
| 34 Reserve Margin  | 43,462                         | 39,029    | 4,433     | 43,462    |
|  | 19.92%                         | 20.06%    | 18.77%    | 19.92%    |

\* Bison/NBPL does not add incremental capacity but is utilized to deliver Rockies supply to NNG.  
Volume is not included in Total Design Day capacity.



**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

**CALCULATION OF DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENTS**

2010-2011

| <u>State</u>               | <u>1/20<br/>Design<br/>DDD</u> | <u>09/10<br/>Customer<br/>Counts*</u> | <u>Regression<br/>Intercept</u> | <u>Factors<br/>Slope</u> | <u>Regression<br/>Total</u> | <u>Adjustment<br/>Total *</u> | <u>1/20 Requirements<br/>Regression Load</u> | <u>Nov10-Mar11<br/>Customer<br/>Growth</u> | <u>Total</u>   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| <b>MERC - Peak Day</b>     |                                |                                       |                                 |                          |                             |                               |  |  |                |
| <b>PNG</b>                 | 99                             | 158,298                               | 26,150                          | 2,217                    | 259,378                     | 64,651                        | 194,727                                      | -0.10%                                     | 194,598        |
| <b>NMU</b>                 | 103                            | 17,729                                | 2,495                           | 238                      | 29,075                      | 4,482                         | 24,593                                       | -4.00%                                     | 23,615         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |                                | <b>176,027</b>                        | <b>28,645</b>                   | <b>2,455</b>             | <b>288,453</b>              | <b>69,133</b>                 | <b>219,320</b>                               |  | <b>218,213</b> |
| <b>MERC - Non-Peak Day</b> |                                |                                       |                                 |                          |                             |                               |  |  |                |
| <b>PNG</b>                 | 55                             | 158,298                               | 26,150                          | 2,217                    | 161,224                     | 41,677                        | 119,547                                      | -0.10%                                     | 119,468        |
| <b>NMU</b>                 | 55                             | 17,729                                | 2,495                           | 238                      | 17,629                      | 2,892                         | 14,737                                       | -4.00%                                     | 14,151         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |                                | <b>176,027</b>                        | <b>28,645</b>                   | <b>2,455</b>             | <b>178,853</b>              | <b>44,569</b>                 | <b>134,284</b>                               |  | <b>133,619</b> |

\* Adjustment to remove interruptible and transportation volumes and add adjustment to achieve 97.5% confidence level that actual demand under design conditions will not exceed estimate.

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES-PNG/NMU CAPACITY RESOURCE ANALYSIS**

**2010-2011 VS. 2009-2010**

|                | 2010-2011 Proposed |            |            |              | 2009-2010     |            |            |              | Difference    |            |            |              |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                | <u>NNG</u>         | <u>NNG</u> | <u>NNG</u> | <u>NNG</u>   | <u>NNG</u>    | <u>NNG</u> | <u>NNG</u> | <u>NNG</u>   | <u>Winter</u> | <u>PNG</u> | <u>NMU</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|                | <u>Winter</u>      | <u>PNG</u> | <u>NMU</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Winter</u> | <u>PNG</u> | <u>NMU</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Winter</u> | <u>PNG</u> | <u>NMU</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| TF12(base)     | 39,107             | 34,875     | 4,232      | 39,107       | 42,734        | 35,221     | 7,513      | 42,734       | (3,627)       | (346)      | (3,281)    | (3,627)      |
| TF12(variable) | 36,209             | 32,290     | 3,919      | 36,209       | 29,826        | 24,583     | 5,243      | 29,826       | 6,383         | 7,707      | (1,324)    | 6,383        |
| TF12           | 75,316             | 67,165     | 8,151      | 75,316       | 72,560        | 59,804     | 12,756     | 72,560       | 2,756         | 7,361      | (4,605)    | 2,756        |
| Peak Capacity  | -                  | -          | -          | -            | -             | -          | -          | -            | -             | -          | -          | -            |
| TF5            | 32,278             | 28,785     | 3,493      | 32,278       | 31,610        | 29,619     | 1,991      | 31,610       | 668           | (834)      | 1,502      | 668          |
| TF Total       | 107,594            | 95,950     | 11,644     | 107,594      | 104,170       | 89,423     | 14,747     | 104,170      | 3,424         | 6,527      | (3,103)    | 3,424        |
| TFX12          | 32,297             | 28,802     | 3,495      | 32,297       | 31,199        | 31,199     | -          | 31,199       | 1,098         | (2,397)    | 3,495      | 1,098        |
| TFX5           | 90,184             | 80,424     | 9,760      | 90,184       | 87,706        | 81,567     | 6,139      | 87,706       | 2,478         | (1,143)    | 3,621      | 2,478        |
| TFX Total      | 122,481            | 109,226    | 13,255     | 122,481      | 118,905       | 112,766    | 6,139      | 118,905      | 3,576         | (3,540)    | 7,116      | 3,576        |
| NNG Total      | 230,075            | 205,176    | 24,899     | 230,075      | 223,075       | 202,189    | 20,886     | 223,075      | 7,000         | 2,987      | 4,013      | 7,000        |
| Bison          | 50,000             | 44,589     | 5,411      | 50,000       | -             | -          | -          | -            | 50,000        | 44,589     | 5,411      | 50,000       |
| NBPL           | 50,000             | 44,589     | 5,411      | 50,000       | -             | -          | -          | -            | 50,000        | 44,589     | 5,411      | 50,000       |
| Windom         | 2,500              | 2,500      | -          | 2,500        | 2,500         | 2,500      | -          | 2,500        | -             | -          | -          | -            |
| LSP Peaking    | 29,100             | 25,951     | 3,149      | 29,100       | 29,100        | 26,375     | 2,725      | 29,100       | -             | (424)      | 424        | -            |
| Total          | 261,675            | 233,627    | 28,048     | 261,675      | 254,675       | 231,064    | 23,611     | 254,675      | 7,000         | 2,563      | 4,437      | 7,000        |

|                | NNG-Total |              |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
|                | <u>EF</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Design Day     | 218,213   | 218,213      |
| Capacity       | 261,675   | 261,675      |
| Reserve Margin | 43,462    | 43,462       |
|                | 19.92%    | 19.92%       |

|                | NNG-PNG   |              |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
|                | <u>EF</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Design Day     | 194,598   | 194,598      |
| Capacity       | 233,627   | 233,627      |
| Reserve Margin | 39,029    | 39,029       |
|                | 20.06%    | 20.06%       |

|                | NNG-NMU   |              |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
|                | <u>EF</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Design Day     | 23,615    | 23,615       |
| Capacity       | 28,048    | 28,048       |
| Reserve Margin | 4,433     | 4,433        |
|                | 18.77%    | 18.77%       |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG-NNG**

**Financial Options  
Heating Season 2010-2011**

**[TRADE SECRET DATA BEGINS**

**Units - Gas Daily Packages**

No Gas Daily Peakers were purchased

**Units - Futures (Daily Volume)**

|       | <u>November</u>      |                     | <u>December</u>      |                     | <u>January</u>       |                     | <u>February</u>      |                     | <u>March</u>         |                     | <u>Daily Total</u> | <u>Term Total</u> |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|       | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> |                    |                   |
| 1     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 2     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 3     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 4     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 5     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 6     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 7     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 8     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 9     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 10    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 11    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 12    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 13    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 14    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 15    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 16    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| 17    |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Total |                      | 18,000              |                      | 7,419               |                      | 14,194              |                      | 6,429               |                      | 20,968              | 67,009             | 2,040,000         |
|       |                      | 540,000             |                      | 230,000             |                      | 440,000             |                      | 180,000             |                      | 650,000             |                    | 2,040,000         |

**Units - Call Options (Daily Volume)**

|       | <u>November</u>      |                     | <u>December</u>      |                     | <u>January</u>       |                     | <u>February</u>      |                     | <u>March</u>         |                     | <u>Daily Total</u> | <u>Term Total</u> |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|       | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> | <u>Contract Date</u> | <u>Daily Volume</u> |                    |                   |
| 1     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| 2     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| 3     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| 4     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| 5     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| 6     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                      |                     |                    | -                 |
| Total |                      | 24,667              |                      | 32,581              |                      | 37,742              |                      | 35,000              |                      | 26,452              | 156,441            | 4,720,000         |
|       |                      | 740,000             |                      | 1,010,000           |                      | 1,170,000           |                      | 980,000             |                      | 820,000             |                    | 4,720,000         |

**Premium - Call Option (Monthly Cost)**

|       | <u>November</u>       |                     | <u>December</u>       |                     | <u>January</u>        |                     | <u>February</u>       |                     | <u>March</u>          |                     | <u>Total</u>          |                     |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|       | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> | <u>Option Premium</u> | <u>Premium Cost</u> |
| 1     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| 2     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| 3     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| 4     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| 5     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| 6     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |                       |                     |
| Total | \$ 0.3146             | \$ 232,781          | \$ 0.3341             | \$ 337,482          | \$ 0.4097             | \$ 479,382          | \$ 0.4618             | \$ 452,553          | \$ 0.4563             | \$ 374,202          | \$ 0.3975             | \$ 1,876,399        |

**Units - Collar Floor (put)**

No Puts were purchased.

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10/11 Winter Portfolio Plan - MERC NNG-PNG Hedging Plan

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**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES**

NNG WINTER PLAN (PNG)  
NOVEMBER, 2010 THROUGH MARCH, 2011

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Total

4,520,719

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**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

| <b>As Proposed 08-</b>   | M-06-1536<br>Peoples Mn<br>GS | M-07-1405<br>Peoples Mn<br>GS | M-08-1331<br>Peoples Mn<br>GS | M-09-<br>Peoples Mn<br>GS | M-10-<br>Peoples Mn<br>GS | Proposed<br>Change |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Design Day   | 200,484                       | 202,263                       | 225,397                       | 203,360                   | 194,598                   | -8,762             |
| Customer Requirements moving to Transportation 2005-6<br>Adjusted Design Day |                               |                               |                               |                           |                           |                    |
| Design Day Percentages   | 33.79%                        | 32.16%                        | 30.56%                        | 31.50%                    | 35.92%                    | 4.42%              |
| Total Design Day Capacity (includes non-recallable capacity)                 | 227,526                       | 233,785                       | 233,785                       | 238,064                   | 233,627                   | -4,437             |
| Less: Windom   | 2,500                         | 2,500                         | 2,500                         | 2,500                     | 2,500                     | 0                  |
| Less: LS Power   | 29,100                        | 26,323                        | 26,323                        | 26,375                    | 25,951                    | -424               |
| Less: TF12B  | 42,170                        | 7,000                         | 7,000                         | 7,000                     | 0                         | -7,000             |
| Less: TFX5   | 36,772                        |                               |                               |                           |                           | 0                  |
| Less: TFX(5)   | 73,190                        |                               |                               |                           |                           | 0                  |
| Total Design Day Capacity  | 195,926                       | 197,962                       | 197,962                       | 202,189                   | 205,176                   | -2,987             |
| Factors for All Winter Capacity  | 100.00%                       | 100.00%                       | 100.00%                       | 100.00%                   | 100.00%                   |                    |

Allocated Entitlements in PGA

|                                     |         |         |         |         |         |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| TF12B                               | 42,170  | 43,858  | 29,906  | 35,221  | 34,875  | -346   |
| TF12V                               | 34,070  | 15,946  | 32,690  | 24,583  | 32,290  | 7,707  |
| TF5                                 | 36,772  | 29,619  | 26,827  | 29,619  | 28,785  | -834   |
| TFX12                               | 9,724   | 18,409  | 29,246  | 31,199  | 28,802  | -2,397 |
| TFX(5)                              | 73,190  | 90,130  | 79,293  | 81,567  | 80,424  | -1,143 |
| TFX(5) (12-V)                       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| TFX (October Only)                  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1,784   | 1,784  |
| TFX (April Only)                    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1,784   | 1,784  |
| LS Power                            | 0       | 26,323  | 26,323  | 26,375  | 25,951  | -424   |
| Bison *                             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 44,589  | 44,589 |
| NBPL *                              | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 44,589  | 44,589 |
| Peak Capacity                       | 195,926 | 224,285 | 224,285 | 228,564 | 231,127 | 2,563  |
| Total Allocated Entitlements in PGA | 195,926 | 224,285 | 224,285 | 228,564 | 323,872 | 95,308 |

\* Bison/NBPL does not add incremental capacity but is utilized to deliver Rockies supply to NNG. Volume is not included in Peak Capacity

Direct Assigned Entitlements in PGA

|   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Windom                                    | 2,500   | 2,500   | 2,500   | 2,500   | 2,500   | 0       |
| LS Power                                  | 29,100  | 26,323  | 26,323  | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| TFX (October Only)                        | 2,000   | 1,784   | 2,000   | 2,000   | 0       | -2,000  |
| TFX (April Only)                          | 2,000   | 1,784   | 2,000   | 2,000   | 0       | -2,000  |
| TFX(5)                                    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| TFX(7)                                    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| TFX(5)                                    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total Direct Assignments                  | 35,600  | 32,390  | 32,823  | 6,500   | 2,500   | (4,000) |
| Total Capacity before Peak Shaving        | 231,526 | 256,675 | 257,108 | 235,064 | 233,627 | -1,437  |
| LP Peak Shaving                           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total Design Day Capacity                 | 227,526 | 253,108 | 253,108 | 231,064 | 233,627 | 2,563   |
| Total Transp. (with TFX Offpeak less LSP) | 198,426 | 226,785 | 226,785 | 204,689 | 207,676 | 2,987   |
| Total Annual Transportation               | 88,464  | 80,713  | 94,342  | 93,503  | 98,467  | 4,964   |
| Total Seasonal Transportation             | 139,062 | 172,395 | 158,766 | 137,561 | 135,160 | -2,401  |
| Total Percent Seasonal                    | 61.1%   | 68.1%   | 62.7%   | 59.5%   | 57.9%   | -1.68%  |
| LS Power as % of Total DD Capacity        | 12.8%   | 10.4%   | 10.4%   | 11.4%   | 11.1%   | -0.31%  |
| Reserve Margin                            | 13.49%  | 25.14%  | 12.29%  | 13.62%  | 20.06%  | 6.43%   |

Direct Assigned Demand Not in PGA

|   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| TF-12-B Contract Demand                                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0               |
| Total Design Day Capacity w/ contract demanc<br>Factors | 227,526<br>33.79% | 233,785<br>32.16% | 233,785<br>30.56% | 238,064<br>31.50% | 233,627<br>35.92% | -4,437<br>4.42% |

Other Entitlements not included in Peak Day Deliverability

|                                      |           |           |           |           |           |         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Field TF (TFF) (NMU direct assigned) | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX Offpeak Old Oct. (60,000)        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX Offpeak Old Oct. (35,000)        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX Offpeak New Oct. (14,600)        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX Offpeak New Apr. (39,600)        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX Oct                              | 2,000     | 1,784     | 2,000     | 2,000     | 1,784     | -216    |
| TFX Apr                              |           | 1,784     | 1,784     | 2,000     | 1,784     | -216    |
| TFX Apr-Oct                          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| TFX May-Sept                         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| FDD Storage reservation              | 69,094    | 73,022    | 76,476    | 76,628    | 78,409    | 1,781   |
| FDD Storage capacity                 | 4,349,321 | 4,210,037 | 4,409,251 | 4,417,893 | 4,520,719 | 102,826 |
| Nexen PSO                            | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| Tenaska PSO New                      | 188,000   | 170,237   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| NGPL                                 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| SMS                                  | 22,680    | 20,537    | 20,537    | 20,577    | 20,226    | -351    |
| SBA                                  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |

## MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG

### Rate Impacts NNG

| 1) General Service: Avg. Annual Use:                         |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 125 Mcf  |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA<br>w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case^^ | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.0598                                    | -53.34%                        | 8.55%                            | 3.34%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Demand Rate  | \$1.1197                                  | \$1.0903                   | \$1.0883                        | \$1.0362                    | \$1.6626                                    | 48.49%                         | 52.77%                           | 60.45%                 | \$0.6264                |
| Margin   | \$1.6263                                  | \$1.6263                   | \$1.6263                        | \$1.7746                    | \$1.7746                                    | 9.12%                          | 9.12%                            | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$11.4474                                 | \$8.6958                   | \$6.4545                        | \$6.7394                    | \$7.4970                                    | -34.51%                        | 16.15%                           | 11.24%                 | \$0.7576                |
| Avg. Annual Bill*  | \$1,429.40                                | \$1,085.82                 | \$805.95                        | \$841.53                    | \$936.13                                    | -34.51%                        | 16.15%                           | 11.24%                 | \$94.60                 |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$16.39                 |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$78.22                 |
| 2) Small Volume Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:              |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| 4,080 Mcf  |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-07-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/09 | Nov1/09 PGA<br>w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.0598                                    | -53.34%                        | 8.55%                            | 3.34%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Demand Rate  |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.0000                |
| Margin   | \$1.2434                                  | \$1.2434                   | \$1.2434                        | \$1.1681                    | \$1.1681                                    | -6.06%                         | -6.06%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$9.9448                                  | \$7.2226                   | \$4.9833                        | \$5.0967                    | \$5.2279                                    | -47.43%                        | 4.91%                            | 2.57%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Avg. Annual Bill*  | \$40,572.00                               | \$29,466.19                | \$20,330.47                     | \$20,793.11                 | \$21,328.46                                 | -47.43%                        | 4.91%                            | 2.57%                  | \$535.35                |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$535.35                |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.00                  |
| 3) Large Volume Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use:              |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| 19,053 Mcf   |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-07-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/09 | Nov1/09 PGA<br>w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.0598                                    | -53.34%                        | 8.55%                            | 3.34%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Demand Rate  |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.0000                |
| Margin   | \$0.3592                                  | \$0.3592                   | \$0.3592                        | \$0.3248                    | \$0.3248                                    | -9.58%                         | -9.58%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$9.0606                                  | \$6.3384                   | \$4.0991                        | \$4.2534                    | \$4.3846                                    | -51.61%                        | 6.97%                            | 3.09%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Avg. Annual Bill*  | \$172,633.79                              | \$120,767.06               | \$78,101.14                     | \$81,041.05                 | \$83,541.25                                 | -51.61%                        | 6.97%                            | 3.09%                  | \$2,500.20              |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$2,500.20              |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.00                  |
| 4) Small Volume Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| 4,080 Mcf<br>Avg. Annual CD Volumes:<br>25 Mcf               |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-07-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/09 | Nov1/09 PGA<br>w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.0598                                    | -53.34%                        | 8.55%                            | 3.34%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Demand Rate  | \$13.4177                                 | \$12.0195                  | \$10.3925                       | \$9.3592                    | \$10.7565                                   | -19.83%                        | 3.50%                            | 14.93%                 | \$1.3973                |
| Comm. Margin   | \$1.2434                                  | \$1.2434                   | \$1.2434                        | \$1.1681                    | \$1.1681                                    | -6.06%                         | -6.06%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| SV Dem. Margin   | \$2.0724                                  | \$2.0724                   | \$2.0724                        | \$2.0724                    | \$1.8000                                    | -13.14%                        | -13.14%                          | -13.14%                | (\$0.2724)              |
| Total Commodity Cost   | \$9.9448                                  | \$7.2226                   | \$4.9833                        | \$5.0967                    | \$5.2279                                    | -47.43%                        | 4.91%                            | 2.57%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$15.4901                                 | \$14.0919                  | \$12.4649                       | \$11.4316                   | \$12.5565                                   | -18.94%                        | 0.73%                            | 9.84%                  | \$1.1249                |
| Avg. Annual Bill*  | \$40,959.25                               | \$29,818.48                | \$20,642.09                     | \$21,078.90                 | \$21,642.37                                 | -47.16%                        | 4.85%                            | 2.67%                  | \$563.47                |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills: |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$535.35                |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:    |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        | \$34.93                 |
| 5) Large Volume Firm: Avg. Annual Use:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| 14,841 Mcf<br>Avg. Annual CD Units:<br>75 Mcf                |   |                            |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-07-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/09 | Nov1/09 PGA<br>w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.0598                                    | -53.34%                        | 8.55%                            | 3.34%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Demand Rate  | \$13.4177                                 | \$12.0195                  | \$10.3925                       | \$9.3592                    | \$10.7565                                   | -19.83%                        | 3.50%                            | 14.93%                 | \$1.3973                |
| Comm. Margin   | \$0.3592                                  | \$0.3592                   | \$0.3592                        | \$0.3248                    | \$0.3248                                    | -9.58%                         | -9.58%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| LV Dem. Margin   | \$0.1658                                  | \$1.6579                   | \$1.6579                        | \$1.6579                    | \$1.4000                                    | 744.39%                        | -15.56%                          | -15.56%                | (\$0.2579)              |
| Total Commodity Cost   | \$9.0606                                  | \$6.3384                   | \$4.0991                        | \$4.2534                    | \$4.3846                                    | -51.61%                        | 6.97%                            | 3.09%                  | \$0.1312                |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$13.5835                                 | \$13.6774                  | \$12.0504                       | \$11.0171                   | \$12.1565                                   | -10.51%                        | 0.88%                            | 10.34%                 | \$1.1394                |
| Avg. Annual Bill*  | \$135,487.13                              | \$95,094.00                | \$61,738.52                     | \$63,950.99                 | \$65,983.91                                 | -51.30%                        | 6.88%                            | 3.18%                  | \$2,032.92              |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

Rate Impacts (Illustrates FDD storage contract costs shifted from Demand costs to Commodity costs)  
NNG

| 1) General Service: Avg. Annual Use: 125 Mcf                                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case^^ | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.2201                                 | -51.50%                        | 12.84%                           | 7.42%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Demand Rate  | \$1.1197                                  | \$1.0903                   | \$1.0883                        | \$1.0362                    | \$1.4860                                 | 32.71%                         | 36.54%                           | 43.40%                 | \$0.4498                |
| Margin   | \$1.6263                                  | \$1.6263                   | \$1.6263                        | \$1.7746                    | \$1.7746                                 | 9.12%                          | 9.12%                            | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$11.4474                                 | \$8.6958                   | \$6.4545                        | \$6.7394                    | \$7.4806                                 | -34.65%                        | 15.90%                           | 11.00%                 | \$0.7412                |
| Avg. Annual Bill   | \$1,429.40                                | \$1,085.82                 | \$805.95                        | \$841.53                    | \$934.08                                 | -34.65%                        | 15.90%                           | 11.00%                 | \$92.55                 |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$36.40                 |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$56.16                 |
| 2) Small Volume Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use: 4,080 Mcf                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.2201                                 | -51.50%                        | 12.84%                           | 7.42%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Demand Rate  |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Margin   | \$1.2434                                  | \$1.2434                   | \$1.2434                        | \$1.1681                    | \$1.1681                                 | -6.06%                         | -6.06%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$9.9448                                  | \$7.2226                   | \$4.9833                        | \$5.0967                    | \$5.3882                                 | -45.82%                        | 8.12%                            | 5.72%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Avg. Annual Bill   | \$40,572.00                               | \$29,466.19                | \$20,330.47                     | \$20,793.11                 | \$21,982.23                              | -45.82%                        | 8.12%                            | 5.72%                  | \$1,189.12              |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$1,189.12              |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.00                  |
| 3) Large Volume Interruptible: Avg. Annual Use: 19,053 Mcf                         |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.2201                                 | -51.50%                        | 12.84%                           | 7.42%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Demand Rate  |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Margin   | \$0.3592                                  | \$0.3592                   | \$0.3592                        | \$0.3248                    | \$0.3248                                 | -9.58%                         | -9.58%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| Total Recovery   | \$9.0606                                  | \$6.3384                   | \$4.0991                        | \$4.2534                    | \$4.5449                                 | -49.84%                        | 10.87%                           | 6.85%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Avg. Annual Bill   | \$172,633.79                              | \$120,767.06               | \$78,101.14                     | \$81,041.05                 | \$86,594.52                              | -49.84%                        | 10.87%                           | 6.85%                  | \$5,553.47              |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$5,553.47              |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$0.00                  |
| 4) Small Volume Firm: Avg. Annual Use: 4,080 Mcf<br>Avg. Annual CD Volumes: 25 Mcf |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.2201                                 | -51.50%                        | 12.84%                           | 7.42%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Demand Rate  | \$13.4177                                 | \$12.0195                  | \$10.3925                       | \$9.3592                    | \$15.8792                                | 18.35%                         | 52.79%                           | 69.66%                 | \$6.5200                |
| Comm. Margin   | \$1.2434                                  | \$1.2434                   | \$1.2434                        | \$1.1681                    | \$1.1681                                 | -6.06%                         | -6.06%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| SV Dem. Margin   | \$2.0724                                  | \$2.0724                   | \$2.0724                        | \$2.0724                    | \$1.8000                                 | -13.14%                        | -13.14%                          | -13.14%                | (\$0.2724)              |
| Total Commodity Cost   | \$9.9448                                  | \$7.2226                   | \$4.9833                        | \$5.0967                    | \$5.3882                                 | -45.82%                        | 8.12%                            | 5.72%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$15.4901                                 | \$14.0919                  | \$12.4649                       | \$11.4316                   | \$17.6792                                | 14.13%                         | 41.83%                           | 54.65%                 | \$6.2476                |
| Avg. Annual Bill   | \$40,959.25                               | \$29,818.48                | \$20,642.09                     | \$21,078.90                 | \$22,424.21                              | -45.25%                        | 8.63%                            | 6.38%                  | \$1,345.31              |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$1,189.12              |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$163.00                |
| 5) Large Volume Firm: Avg. Annual Use: 14,841 Mcf<br>Avg. Annual CD Units: 75 Mcf  |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        |                         |
| Recovery   | Base Cost of Gas Change<br>G011/MR08-836^ | Demand Change<br>M-08-XXXX | Last Demand Change<br>M-09-XXXX | Most Recent PGA<br>Oct 1/10 | Nov1/10 PGA w/ Proposed Demand Changes** | % Change From Last Rate Case   | % Change From Last Demand Filing | % Change From Last PGA | \$ Change From Last PGA |
| Commodity Rate   | \$8.7014                                  | \$5.9792                   | \$3.7399                        | \$3.9286                    | \$4.2201                                 | -51.50%                        | 12.84%                           | 7.42%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Demand Rate  | \$13.4177                                 | \$12.0195                  | \$10.3925                       | \$9.3592                    | \$15.8792                                | 18.35%                         | 52.79%                           | 69.66%                 | \$6.5200                |
| Comm. Margin   | \$0.3592                                  | \$0.3592                   | \$0.3592                        | \$0.3248                    | \$0.3248                                 | -9.58%                         | -9.58%                           | 0.00%                  | \$0.0000                |
| LV Dem. Margin   | \$0.1658                                  | \$1.6579                   | \$1.6579                        | \$1.6579                    | \$1.4000                                 | 744.39%                        | -15.56%                          | -15.56%                | (\$0.2579)              |
| Total Commodity Cost   | \$9.0606                                  | \$6.3384                   | \$4.0991                        | \$4.2534                    | \$4.5449                                 | -49.84%                        | 10.87%                           | 6.85%                  | \$0.2915                |
| Total Demand Cost  | \$13.5835                                 | \$13.6774                  | \$12.0504                       | \$11.0171                   | \$17.2792                                | 27.21%                         | 43.39%                           | 56.84%                 | \$6.2621                |
| Avg. Annual Bill   | \$135,487.13                              | \$95,094.00                | \$61,738.52                     | \$63,950.99                 | \$68,746.37                              | -49.26%                        | 11.35%                           | 7.50%                  | \$4,795.38              |
| Effect of proposed commodity change on average annual bills:                       |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$4,325.72              |
| Effect of proposed demand change on average annual bills:                          |   |                            |                                 |                             |  |                                |                                  |                        | \$489.00                |

\* Average Annual Bill amount does not include customer charges.

\*\* Commodity includes Upstream costs.

^ Implemented with Interim rates

^^ Interim rates implemented on 10/1/08

| Customer Class         | Commodity Change (\$/Mcf) | Commodity Change (Percent) | Commodity Change (Percent) | Demand Change (\$/Mcf) | Demand Change (Percent) | Total Change (\$/Mcf) | Total Change (Percent) |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| All Firm               | \$0.2915                  | 7.42%                      | 29.15%                     | \$0.4498               | 43.40%                  | 0.7412                | 11.00%                 |
| Sm Vol Inter. Service  | \$0.2915                  | 7.42%                      | 29.15%                     | \$0.0000               | 0.00%                   | 0.2915                | 5.72%                  |
| Lrg Vol Inter. Service | \$0.2915                  | 7.42%                      | 29.15%                     | \$0.0000               | 0.00%                   | 0.2915                | 6.85%                  |
| Sm Vol Joint Service   | \$0.2915                  | 7.42%                      | 29.15%                     | \$6.5200               | 69.66%                  | 0.2915                | *** 5.72%              |
| Lrg Vol Joint Service  | \$0.2915                  | 7.42%                      | 29.15%                     | \$6.5200               | 69.66%                  | 0.2915                | *** 6.85%              |

\*\*\* Joint total change includes only commodity change since not all joint customers purchase CD units.



## MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG

### Change in Costs due to November 1, 2010 Change in Entitlement Levels and Related Demand Costs

#### NNG

| Contract                                | Oct-10<br>PGA | Nov-10<br>Entitlement | Entitlement<br>Change | Months  | Oct-10<br>Rate/MCF | Oct-10<br>Total Cost | Oct-10<br>Total Cost | Entitlement<br>Total Cost | Entitlement<br>Change |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| TF-12-B (Max Rate)                      | 112495        | 30,021                | 29,675                | (346)   | 12 \$              | 7.5776               | \$2,729,840          | \$2,698,383               | (\$31,456)            |
| TF-12-B (Discount)                      | 112495        | 5,200                 | 5,200                 | 0       | 12 \$              | 6.4818               | \$404,591            | \$404,464                 | (\$127)               |
| TF-12-V (Max Rate)                      | 112495        | 24,583                | 32,290                | 7,707   | 12 \$              | 9.0926               | \$2,682,276          | \$3,523,201               | \$840,925             |
| TF-5 (Max Rate)                         | 112495        | 29,619                | 28,785                | (834)   | 5 \$               | 15.1530              | \$2,244,084          | \$2,180,896               | (\$63,188)            |
| TF-5 (Discount)                         | 112495        | 0                     | 0                     | 0       | 5 \$               | 7.6050               | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| TFX-12 (Max Rate)                       | 112486        | 9,724                 | 9,651                 | (73)    | 12 \$              | 9.6288               | \$1,123,569          | \$1,115,131               | (\$8,439)             |
| TFX-12 (Discount)                       | 111866        | 414                   | 1,144                 | 730     | 12 \$              | 4.8640               | \$24,178             | \$66,773                  | \$42,595              |
| TFX-12 (Discount)                       | 111866        | 9,140                 | 7,376                 | (1,764) | 12 \$              | 5.4720               | \$598,524            | \$484,338                 | (\$114,186)           |
| TFX-12 (Discount)                       | 111866        | 11,921                | 10,631                | (1,290) | 12 \$              | 2.2192               | \$317,633            | \$283,108                 | (\$34,525)            |
| TFX-5 (Max Rate)                        | 112486        | 48,754                | 51,163                | 2,409   | 5 \$               | 15.1530              | \$3,693,847          | \$3,876,365               | \$182,518             |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 112486        | 0                     | 0                     | 0       | 5 \$               | 13.8736              | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 112486        | 1,800                 | 1,605                 | (195)   | 5 \$               | 7.6050               | \$68,445             | \$61,030                  | (\$7,415)             |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 111866        | 122                   | 338                   | 216     | 5 \$               | 4.8640               | \$2,969              | \$8,220                   | \$5,251               |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 111866        | 2,702                 | 2,180                 | (522)   | 5 \$               | 5.4720               | \$73,724             | \$59,645                  | (\$14,079)            |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 111866        | 22,189                | 19,788                | (2,401) | 5 \$               | 15.1392              | \$1,680,539          | \$1,497,872               | (\$182,667)           |
| TFX-5 (Discount)                        | 112561        | 6,000                 | 5,351                 | (649)   | 5 \$               | 4.5600               | \$136,800            | \$122,003                 | (\$14,797)            |
| TFX-7 (Discount)                        | 111866        | 0                     | 0                     | 0       | 7 \$               | 2.2192               | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| TFX Oct (Max Rate)                      | 112486        | 2,000                 | 1,784                 | (216)   | 1 \$               | 5.6830               | \$11,366             | \$10,138                  | (\$1,228)             |
| TFX Apr (Max Rate)                      | 112486        | 2,000                 | 1,784                 | (216)   | 1 \$               | 5.6830               | \$11,366             | \$10,138                  | (\$1,228)             |
| SMS Charge                              |               | 20,577                | 20,226                | (351)   | 12 \$              | 2.1800               | \$538,304            | \$529,112                 | (\$9,192)             |
| LS Power                                |               | 26,375                | 25,951                | (424)   | 3 \$               | 4.3463               | \$343,903            | \$338,369                 | (\$5,534)             |
| WINDOM                                  |               | 2,500                 | 2,500                 | 0       | 12 \$              | -                    | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| Bison                                   |               | 0                     | 44,589                | 44,589  | 10.5 \$            | 17.4800              | \$0                  | \$8,183,865               | \$8,183,865           |
| NBPL                                    |               | 0                     | 44,589                | 44,589  | 10.5 \$            | 6.9920               | \$0                  | \$3,273,546               | \$3,273,546           |
| FDD: Storage Reservation                |               | 71,593                | 73,460                | 1,867   | 12 \$              | 1.7140               | \$1,472,516          | \$1,510,925               | \$38,410              |
| FDD: Storage Reservation                |               | 5,035                 | 4,949                 | (86)    | 12 \$              | 3.3157               | \$200,353            | \$196,913                 | (\$3,440)             |
| FDD: Storage Cycle Volume               |               | 825,512               | 847,070               | 21,558  | 5 \$               | 0.3567               | \$1,472,301          | \$1,510,749               | \$38,449              |
| FDD: Storage Cycle Volume               |               | 58,067                | 57,074                | (993)   | 5 \$               | 0.6901               | \$200,359            | \$196,934                 | (\$3,425)             |
| Total Demand Cost                       |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      | \$20,031,484         | \$32,142,118              | \$12,110,634          |
| <b>Costs Assigned In Commodity:</b>     |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      |                      |                           |                       |
| <u>Upstream</u>                         |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      |                      |                           |                       |
| Great Lakes                             |               | 0                     | 0                     | 0       | 12                 | \$3.458              | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
|   |               |                       |                       | 0       |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| <u>Surcharges:</u>                      |               |                       |                       | 0       |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
|   |               |                       |                       | 0       |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| <u>Storage</u>                          |               |                       |                       | 0       |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| FDD Withdrawal                          |               | 4,417,893             | 4,520,719             | 102,826 | 1                  | \$0.0149             | \$65,827             | \$67,359                  | \$1,532               |
| FDD Injection                           |               | 4,417,893             | 4,520,719             | 102,826 | 1                  | \$0.0149             | \$65,827             | \$67,359                  | \$1,532               |
|   |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
|   |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      | \$0                  | \$0                       | \$0                   |
| Producer Demand Payments/Option Premium |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      | \$2,672,469          | \$1,876,399               | (\$796,070)           |
| Total Commodity Costs                   |               |                       |                       |         |                    |                      | \$2,804,122          | \$2,011,117               | (\$793,005)           |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**Daily Total Throughput Data - July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010  
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|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Base     | 30,580 |
| Variable | 2,337  |

| Date    | 3.46%<br>Cloquet<br>Adjusted<br>HDD | 32.86%<br>Minneapolis<br>Adjusted<br>HDD | 63.68%<br>Rochester<br>Adjusted<br>HDD | 100.00%<br>Weighted<br>Adjusted<br>HDD | Actual<br>Total<br>Through-<br>Put * | Estimated<br>Through-<br>Put ** |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7/1/09  | 10                                  | 1  | 7                                      | 5                                      | 35,372                               | 41,898                          |
| 7/2/09  | 8                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 32,412                               | 31,259                          |
| 7/3/09  | 3                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 28,159                               | 30,835                          |
| 7/4/09  | 3                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 26,730                               | 30,837                          |
| 7/5/09  | 3                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 30,652                               | 30,842                          |
| 7/6/09  | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 39,321                               | 30,923                          |
| 7/7/09  | 6                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 38,299                               | 31,089                          |
| 7/8/09  | 7                                   | 0  | 4                                      | 3                                      | 35,012                               | 37,793                          |
| 7/9/09  | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 36,389                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/10/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 35,593                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/11/09 | 7                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 28,552                               | 31,114                          |
| 7/12/09 | 7                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 29,826                               | 31,180                          |
| 7/13/09 | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 34,950                               | 30,913                          |
| 7/14/09 | 7                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 36,895                               | 31,109                          |
| 7/15/09 | 9                                   | 0  | 1                                      | 1                                      | 35,933                               | 32,971                          |
| 7/16/09 | 14                                  | 1  | 5                                      | 4                                      | 36,847                               | 39,475                          |
| 7/17/09 | 12                                  | 6  | 8                                      | 7                                      | 34,430                               | 47,517                          |
| 7/18/09 | 14                                  | 4  | 10                                     | 8                                      | 31,135                               | 49,385                          |
| 7/19/09 | 6                                   | 0  | 4                                      | 3                                      | 31,347                               | 37,320                          |
| 7/20/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 34,810                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/21/09 | 4                                   | 0  | 1                                      | 1                                      | 35,711                               | 32,476                          |
| 7/22/09 | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 36,133                               | 30,916                          |
| 7/23/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 35,927                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/24/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 32,834                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/25/09 | 2                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 28,980                               | 30,756                          |
| 7/26/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 30,789                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/27/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 40,415                               | 30,580                          |
| 7/28/09 | 9                                   | 0  | 3                                      | 2                                      | 38,241                               | 36,247                          |
| 7/29/09 | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 36,442                               | 30,923                          |
| 7/30/09 | 9                                   | 0  | 4                                      | 3                                      | 36,598                               | 37,818                          |
| 7/31/09 | 2                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 32,016                               | 30,758                          |
| 8/1/09  | 11                                  | 1  | 6                                      | 4                                      | 31,230                               | 40,589                          |
| 8/2/09  | 8                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 31,932                               | 31,233                          |
| 8/3/09  | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 34,277                               | 30,929                          |
| 8/4/09  | 8                                   | 0  | 2                                      | 2                                      | 35,898                               | 34,382                          |
| 8/5/09  | 8                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 35,710                               | 31,266                          |
| 8/6/09  | 2                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 33,746                               | 30,747                          |
| 8/7/09  | 5                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 31,960                               | 31,009                          |
| 8/8/09  | 3                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 28,922                               | 30,832                          |
| 8/9/09  | 1                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 31,611                               | 30,666                          |
| 8/10/09 | 1                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 41,042                               | 30,665                          |
| 8/11/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 39,316                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/12/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 43,032                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/13/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 37,421                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/14/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 32,483                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/15/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 33,116                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/16/09 | 0                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 31,943                               | 30,580                          |
| 8/17/09 | 3                                   | 0  | 1                                      | 1                                      | 37,039                               | 32,439                          |
| 8/18/09 | 4                                   | 0  | 0                                      | 0                                      | 36,905                               | 30,926                          |

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|----------|----|----|----|----|---------|---------|
| 9/26/09  | 5  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 33,443  | 34,257  |
| 9/27/09  | 12 | 5  | 7  | 6  | 37,522  | 45,710  |
| 9/28/09  | 22 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 53,154  | 75,058  |
| 9/29/09  | 25 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 54,356  | 76,706  |
| 9/30/09  | 24 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 51,916  | 66,745  |
| 10/1/09  | 22 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 63,750  | 73,775  |
| 10/2/09  | 25 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 62,626  | 75,786  |
| 10/3/09  | 21 | 18 | 20 | 19 | 61,162  | 75,860  |
| 10/4/09  | 22 | 19 | 22 | 21 | 65,007  | 80,351  |
| 10/5/09  | 20 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 69,988  | 76,932  |
| 10/6/09  | 28 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 79,915  | 88,104  |
| 10/7/09  | 23 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 69,352  | 63,074  |
| 10/8/09  | 31 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 86,588  | 92,906  |
| 10/9/09  | 35 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 90,493  | 102,890 |
| 10/10/09 | 42 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 100,141 | 116,633 |
| 10/11/09 | 34 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 92,381  | 105,525 |
| 10/12/09 | 40 | 35 | 36 | 36 | 114,505 | 113,850 |
| 10/13/09 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 32 | 106,438 | 106,300 |
| 10/14/09 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 101,109 | 99,172  |
| 10/15/09 | 32 | 30 | 33 | 32 | 93,467  | 105,293 |
| 10/16/09 | 33 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 82,952  | 94,605  |
| 10/17/09 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 76,289  | 90,191  |
| 10/18/09 | 21 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 62,217  | 70,873  |
| 10/19/09 | 23 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 63,591  | 56,698  |
| 10/20/09 | 26 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 70,035  | 68,076  |
| 10/21/09 | 35 | 26 | 24 | 25 | 86,584  | 88,159  |
| 10/22/09 | 34 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 95,420  | 99,404  |
| 10/23/09 | 35 | 32 | 34 | 33 | 97,523  | 108,151 |
| 10/24/09 | 28 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 67,698  | 86,605  |
| 10/25/09 | 29 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 75,527  | 80,900  |
| 10/26/09 | 32 | 24 | 29 | 27 | 96,051  | 94,233  |
| 10/27/09 | 23 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 89,817  | 82,187  |
| 10/28/09 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 87,402  | 73,604  |
| 10/29/09 | 20 | 12 | 9  | 11 | 75,464  | 55,277  |
| 10/30/09 | 25 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 83,876  | 80,313  |
| 10/31/09 | 34 | 28 | 30 | 29 | 98,605  | 98,667  |
| 11/1/09  | 32 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 83,348  | 76,138  |
| 11/2/09  | 37 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 114,909 | 100,570 |
| 11/3/09  | 32 | 26 | 28 | 27 | 114,375 | 94,202  |
| 11/4/09  | 34 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 119,997 | 102,193 |
| 11/5/09  | 31 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 96,093  | 80,968  |
| 11/6/09  | 20 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 66,231  | 60,585  |
| 11/7/09  | 21 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 70,835  | 58,208  |
| 11/8/09  | 27 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 72,341  | 64,248  |
| 11/9/09  | 27 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 93,990  | 74,316  |
| 11/10/09 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 18 | 95,805  | 72,628  |
| 11/11/09 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 97,497  | 73,909  |
| 11/12/09 | 20 | 17 | 22 | 20 | 96,637  | 77,343  |
| 11/13/09 | 22 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 88,544  | 72,632  |
| 11/14/09 | 36 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 109,937 | 101,304 |
| 11/15/09 | 34 | 27 | 30 | 29 | 115,641 | 98,201  |
| 11/16/09 | 33 | 28 | 27 | 28 | 123,697 | 95,158  |
| 11/17/09 | 32 | 28 | 26 | 27 | 123,418 | 93,632  |
| 11/18/09 | 29 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 105,959 | 83,343  |
| 11/19/09 | 25 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 104,578 | 82,952  |
| 11/20/09 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 105,888 | 86,538  |
| 11/21/09 | 30 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 95,526  | 92,434  |
| 11/22/09 | 20 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 81,709  | 62,091  |
| 11/23/09 | 23 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 92,649  | 73,090  |
| 11/24/09 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 97,490  | 83,932  |
| 11/25/09 | 39 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 113,145 | 107,856 |
| 11/26/09 | 43 | 38 | 41 | 40 | 116,671 | 123,969 |

|         |    |    |    |    |         |         |
|---------|----|----|----|----|---------|---------|
| 1/3/10  | 82 | 70 | 75 | 73 | 196,587 | 202,116 |
| 1/4/10  | 75 | 71 | 79 | 76 | 202,423 | 208,472 |
| 1/5/10  | 68 | 64 | 73 | 70 | 190,900 | 194,723 |
| 1/6/10  | 65 | 60 | 63 | 62 | 173,170 | 175,494 |
| 1/7/10  | 75 | 70 | 74 | 73 | 184,301 | 200,379 |
| 1/8/10  | 74 | 72 | 80 | 77 | 186,939 | 210,559 |
| 1/9/10  | 69 | 72 | 78 | 76 | 182,132 | 207,765 |
| 1/10/10 | 61 | 57 | 63 | 61 | 158,817 | 173,601 |
| 1/11/10 | 56 | 56 | 60 | 58 | 161,541 | 167,031 |
| 1/12/10 | 55 | 55 | 60 | 58 | 151,445 | 166,086 |
| 1/13/10 | 48 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 128,045 | 139,445 |
| 1/14/10 | 52 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 127,180 | 137,255 |
| 1/15/10 | 54 | 45 | 48 | 47 | 126,702 | 140,470 |
| 1/16/10 | 41 | 41 | 48 | 46 | 113,720 | 137,494 |
| 1/17/10 | 38 | 41 | 49 | 46 | 121,130 | 137,561 |
| 1/18/10 | 44 | 43 | 50 | 48 | 143,985 | 142,372 |
| 1/19/10 | 51 | 48 | 51 | 50 | 144,758 | 147,765 |
| 1/20/10 | 50 | 45 | 47 | 47 | 129,622 | 139,477 |
| 1/21/10 | 45 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 118,984 | 124,900 |
| 1/22/10 | 40 | 38 | 41 | 40 | 111,667 | 123,926 |
| 1/23/10 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 99,319  | 111,780 |
| 1/24/10 | 43 | 40 | 43 | 42 | 110,722 | 128,767 |
| 1/25/10 | 62 | 58 | 60 | 59 | 154,749 | 169,099 |
| 1/26/10 | 70 | 64 | 70 | 68 | 177,600 | 189,240 |
| 1/27/10 | 78 | 68 | 73 | 71 | 183,473 | 197,418 |
| 1/28/10 | 77 | 67 | 72 | 70 | 189,826 | 194,640 |
| 1/29/10 | 72 | 64 | 66 | 66 | 173,394 | 184,001 |
| 1/30/10 | 70 | 57 | 62 | 60 | 153,223 | 171,807 |
| 1/31/10 | 71 | 57 | 60 | 59 | 158,350 | 169,005 |
| 2/1/10  | 64 | 56 | 54 | 55 | 154,645 | 159,118 |
| 2/2/10  | 63 | 56 | 61 | 59 | 156,112 | 169,628 |
| 2/3/10  | 58 | 55 | 59 | 57 | 142,206 | 164,806 |
| 2/4/10  | 45 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 120,720 | 128,433 |
| 2/5/10  | 47 | 40 | 44 | 43 | 112,560 | 130,359 |
| 2/6/10  | 48 | 48 | 49 | 49 | 120,113 | 144,374 |
| 2/7/10  | 50 | 50 | 53 | 52 | 126,622 | 152,340 |
| 2/8/10  | 52 | 47 | 49 | 49 | 138,800 | 144,196 |
| 2/9/10  | 60 | 55 | 61 | 59 | 145,270 | 169,159 |
| 2/10/10 | 60 | 55 | 66 | 62 | 157,460 | 176,283 |
| 2/11/10 | 57 | 51 | 59 | 56 | 146,665 | 161,352 |
| 2/12/10 | 57 | 50 | 57 | 55 | 138,047 | 159,044 |
| 2/13/10 | 53 | 51 | 61 | 58 | 139,169 | 165,558 |
| 2/14/10 | 58 | 53 | 60 | 58 | 134,862 | 165,571 |
| 2/15/10 | 52 | 46 | 50 | 49 | 134,116 | 145,233 |
| 2/16/10 | 48 | 44 | 49 | 48 | 126,246 | 141,621 |
| 2/17/10 | 45 | 44 | 56 | 52 | 129,164 | 151,453 |
| 2/18/10 | 45 | 45 | 55 | 51 | 135,113 | 149,629 |
| 2/19/10 | 44 | 46 | 49 | 48 | 119,796 | 142,165 |
| 2/20/10 | 45 | 42 | 50 | 47 | 117,403 | 141,516 |
| 2/21/10 | 46 | 42 | 53 | 49 | 123,984 | 146,039 |
| 2/22/10 | 49 | 48 | 56 | 53 | 133,847 | 154,094 |
| 2/23/10 | 66 | 60 | 67 | 64 | 160,942 | 181,181 |
| 2/24/10 | 62 | 55 | 63 | 61 | 162,707 | 172,024 |
| 2/25/10 | 60 | 51 | 55 | 53 | 147,851 | 155,494 |
| 2/26/10 | 47 | 46 | 54 | 51 | 130,694 | 149,742 |
| 2/27/10 | 41 | 40 | 48 | 45 | 112,978 | 136,180 |
| 2/28/10 | 46 | 38 | 44 | 42 | 109,006 | 128,194 |
| 3/1/10  | 43 | 37 | 46 | 43 | 114,458 | 130,926 |
| 3/2/10  | 38 | 34 | 43 | 40 | 109,799 | 123,002 |
| 3/3/10  | 37 | 35 | 43 | 40 | 110,146 | 124,167 |
| 3/4/10  | 37 | 36 | 44 | 41 | 105,348 | 125,998 |
| 3/5/10  | 33 | 34 | 42 | 39 | 97,568  | 121,413 |

|         |    |    |    |    |        |        |
|---------|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|
| 4/12/10 | 21 | 9  | 11 | 11 | 45,745 | 55,998 |
| 4/13/10 | 26 | 7  | 5  | 6  | 38,388 | 45,124 |
| 4/14/10 | 17 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 35,028 | 31,926 |
| 4/15/10 | 12 | 7  | 7  | 7  | 38,144 | 47,175 |
| 4/16/10 | 23 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 45,616 | 74,535 |
| 4/17/10 | 22 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 42,407 | 66,106 |
| 4/18/10 | 22 | 9  | 12 | 11 | 40,159 | 56,998 |
| 4/19/10 | 21 | 7  | 13 | 11 | 41,326 | 56,712 |
| 4/20/10 | 16 | 7  | 7  | 8  | 40,604 | 48,369 |
| 4/21/10 | 33 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 46,244 | 69,119 |
| 4/22/10 | 22 | 10 | 9  | 10 | 41,180 | 53,120 |
| 4/23/10 | 8  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 36,693 | 48,811 |
| 4/24/10 | 22 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 35,553 | 57,357 |
| 4/25/10 | 25 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 46,681 | 67,133 |
| 4/26/10 | 24 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 52,021 | 70,412 |
| 4/27/10 | 26 | 15 | 21 | 19 | 59,510 | 75,413 |
| 4/28/10 | 19 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 49,055 | 42,559 |
| 4/29/10 | 22 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 40,877 | 32,359 |
| 4/30/10 | 18 | 7  | 8  | 8  | 35,187 | 49,190 |
| 5/1/10  | 19 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 35,071 | 58,986 |
| 5/2/10  | 18 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 39,137 | 56,735 |
| 5/3/10  | 27 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 49,831 | 69,017 |
| 5/4/10  | 21 | 2  | 1  | 2  | 43,472 | 35,746 |
| 5/5/10  | 26 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 52,112 | 74,830 |
| 5/6/10  | 23 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 50,346 | 69,253 |
| 5/7/10  | 36 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 65,251 | 94,296 |
| 5/8/10  | 30 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 60,141 | 91,393 |
| 5/9/10  | 22 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 47,970 | 68,151 |
| 5/10/10 | 20 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 59,900 | 77,032 |
| 5/11/10 | 26 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 70,306 | 86,288 |
| 5/12/10 | 20 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 63,849 | 77,108 |
| 5/13/10 | 25 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 58,220 | 72,996 |
| 5/14/10 | 20 | 6  | 8  | 8  | 37,908 | 48,598 |
| 5/15/10 | 12 | 1  | 7  | 5  | 30,580 | 43,403 |
| 5/16/10 | 6  | 1  | 5  | 4  | 32,436 | 40,000 |
| 5/17/10 | 10 | 0  | 3  | 2  | 35,565 | 36,109 |
| 5/18/10 | 9  | 2  | 5  | 4  | 37,258 | 40,733 |
| 5/19/10 | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 37,534 | 31,005 |
| 5/20/10 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36,007 | 31,094 |
| 5/21/10 | 11 | 4  | 6  | 6  | 32,741 | 44,368 |
| 5/22/10 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 29,178 | 31,104 |
| 5/23/10 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 31,178 | 30,580 |
| 5/24/10 | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 41,115 | 31,009 |
| 5/25/10 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 37,201 | 30,580 |
| 5/26/10 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36,531 | 31,094 |
| 5/27/10 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 35,112 | 30,745 |
| 5/28/10 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 29,639 | 31,089 |
| 5/29/10 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 25,553 | 30,751 |
| 5/30/10 | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 25,339 | 31,180 |
| 5/31/10 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 30,154 | 30,751 |
| 6/1/10  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 35,196 | 31,191 |
| 6/2/10  | 13 | 2  | 5  | 5  | 36,636 | 41,137 |
| 6/3/10  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 35,540 | 30,832 |
| 6/4/10  | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 31,659 | 31,163 |
| 6/5/10  | 7  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 28,701 | 32,787 |
| 6/6/10  | 19 | 0  | 3  | 3  | 30,513 | 36,856 |
| 6/7/10  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 34,232 | 31,005 |
| 6/8/10  | 13 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 38,326 | 33,270 |
| 6/9/10  | 11 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 31,920 | 33,151 |
| 6/10/10 | 13 | 2  | 2  | 3  | 38,004 | 36,707 |
| 6/11/10 | 13 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 35,395 | 31,638 |
| 6/12/10 | 10 | 6  | 3  | 5  | 31,476 | 41,111 |

### MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG

Customer Counts by PGAC Class - July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

| Rate Class           | Tariff Rate Designation       | Jul-09 Average Customers | Aug-09 Average Customers | Sep-09 Average Customers | Oct-09 Average Customers | Nov-09 Average Customers | Dec-09 Average Customers | Jan-10 Average Customers | Feb-10 Average Customers | Mar-10 Average Customers | Apr-10 Average Customers | May-10 Average Customers | Jun-10 Average Customers |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential w/ Heat  | MN001/007/008                 | 141,945                  | 141,177                  | 141,270                  | 141,649                  | 142,733                  | 143,117                  | 143,734                  | 144,154                  | 143,668                  | 143,852                  | 143,785                  | 143,669                  |
| Residential w/o Heat | MN002/009/010                 | 952                      | 934                      | 937                      | 943                      | 951                      | 963                      | 955                      | 969                      | 962                      | 962                      | 970                      | 952                      |
| Commercial-SV        | MN050/053/054/070/076/078     | 5,969                    | 5,905                    | 5,900                    | 5,896                    | 5,964                    | 6,023                    | 6,066                    | 6,060                    | 6,050                    | 6,059                    | 6,465                    | 6,419                    |
| Commercial-LV        | MN056/060/063/064/065/071/077 | 7,744                    | 7,721                    | 7,691                    | 7,702                    | 7,779                    | 7,751                    | 7,900                    | 7,855                    | 7,835                    | 7,863                    | 7,374                    | 7,340                    |
| SV-Joint             | MN104                         | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 3                        | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        |
| SV-Interruptible     | MN125/128/135                 | 341                      | 338                      | 338                      | 341                      | 338                      | 349                      | 341                      | 337                      | 342                      | 340                      | 270                      | 332                      |
| LV-Interruptible     | MN200/201/207                 | 40                       | 41                       | 39                       | 39                       | 41                       | 39                       | 39                       | 37                       | 38                       | 38                       | 36                       | 36                       |
| LV-Interruptible-ML  | MN220/221                     | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN590                         | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN509/514/589                 | 3                        | 3                        | 4                        | 3                        | 4                        | 7                        | 8                        | 7                        | 7                        | 7                        | 6                        | 5                        |
| Transport            | MN518                         | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN502/507/82L                 | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN500/574/81L                 | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN501/506/522/523/80L         | 15                       | 24                       | 15                       | 14                       | 15                       | 15                       | 15                       | 18                       | 16                       | 16                       | 18                       | 18                       |
| Transport            | MN/504/505/539                | 12                       | 13                       | 13                       | 13                       | 13                       | 13                       | 25                       | 12                       | 17                       | 18                       | 13                       | 13                       |
| Transport            | MN/512                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN/515                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN/517                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN/519                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Transport            | MN/535                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        |
| Total                |                               | 157,021                  | 156,156                  | 156,207                  | 156,600                  | 157,841                  | 158,278                  | 159,084                  | 159,450                  | 158,936                  | 159,156                  | 158,938                  | 158,785                  |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**

Projected Fixed Cost - November 2009 through March 2010

**Futures Contracts WACOG**

**NNG-PNG**

**Fixed Price**

| Purchase Date    | 30             |            |              |                  |                     |               | 31               |                |            |              |                  |                     | 31            |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |            |
|------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
|                  | Nov-10         |            |              |                  |                     |               | Dec-10           |                |            |              |                  |                     | Jan-11        |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |            |
| Financial Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes  | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market | Purchase Date | Financial Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes  | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market | Purchase Date | Financial Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes  | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market |            |
| 05/18/10         | 103,846        | \$ 4.9860  | \$ 517,777   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 357,209          | \$ 160,568    | 05/20/10         | 5,750          | \$ 5.1600  | \$ 29,670    | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 22,756           | \$ 6,914      | 05/21/10         | 63,768         | \$ 5.3350  | \$ 340,203   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 264,185          | \$ 76,018  |
| 06/18/10         | 13,846         | \$ 5.4020  | \$ 74,797    | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 47,628           | \$ 27,169     | 05/20/10         | 5,750          | \$ 5.1610  | \$ 29,676    | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 22,756           | \$ 6,920      | 05/21/10         | 6,377          | \$ 5.3370  | \$ 34,033    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 26,418           | \$ 7,615   |
| 06/18/10         | 96,923         | \$ 5.4040  | \$ 523,772   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 333,395          | \$ 190,377    | 05/20/10         | 11,500         | \$ 5.1620  | \$ 59,363    | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 45,511           | \$ 13,852     | 06/28/10         | 6,377          | \$ 5.6450  | \$ 35,997    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 26,418           | \$ 9,579   |
| 07/08/10         | 96,923         | \$ 4.8260  | \$ 467,751   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 333,395          | \$ 134,356    | 05/20/10         | 5,750          | \$ 5.1630  | \$ 29,687    | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 22,756           | \$ 6,932      | 06/28/10         | 25,507         | \$ 5.6460  | \$ 144,014   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 105,674          | \$ 38,340  |
| 08/05/10         | 83,077         | \$ 4.8000  | \$ 398,769   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 285,767          | \$ 113,002    | 05/20/10         | 23,000         | \$ 5.1640  | \$ 118,772   | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 91,023           | \$ 27,749     | 06/28/10         | 63,768         | \$ 5.6490  | \$ 360,226   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 264,185          | \$ 96,041  |
| 09/27/10         | 76,154         | \$ 3.8710  | \$ 294,792   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 261,953          | \$ 32,838     | 06/29/10         | 63,250         | \$ 5.2840  | \$ 334,213   | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 250,313          | \$ 83,900     | 07/29/10         | 38,261         | \$ 5.2910  | \$ 202,438   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 158,511          | \$ 43,927  |
| 10/05/10         | 20,769         | \$ 3.7240  | \$ 77,345    | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 71,442           | \$ 5,903      | 07/29/10         | 40,250         | \$ 5.1650  | \$ 207,891   | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 159,290          | \$ 48,601     | 07/29/10         | 6,377          | \$ 5.2920  | \$ 33,746    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 26,418           | \$ 7,328   |
| 10/05/10         | 48,462         | \$ 3.7250  | \$ 180,519   | \$ 3.4398        | \$ 166,698          | \$ 13,822     | 08/06/10         | 28,750         | \$ 4.9940  | \$ 143,578   | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 113,779          | \$ 29,799     | 07/29/10         | 6,377          | \$ 5.2930  | \$ 33,752    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 26,418           | \$ 7,334   |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 09/14/10         | 23,000         | \$ 4.3490  | \$ 100,027   | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 91,023           | \$ 9,004      | 07/29/10         | 31,884         | \$ 5.2940  | \$ 168,794   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 132,092          | \$ 36,702  |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 10/07/10         | 23,000         | \$ 4.0600  | \$ 93,380    | \$ 3.9575        | \$ 91,023           | \$ 2,357      | 08/10/10         | 19,130         | \$ 4.9870  | \$ 95,403    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 79,255           | \$ 16,148  |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 08/10/10         | 6,377          | \$ 4.9880  | \$ 31,808    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 26,418           | \$ 5,389   |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 08/10/10         | 12,754         | \$ 4.9890  | \$ 63,628    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 52,837           | \$ 10,791  |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 08/10/10         | 31,884         | \$ 4.9900  | \$ 159,101   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 132,092          | \$ 27,009  |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 09/27/10         | 51,014         | \$ 4.3120  | \$ 219,974   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 211,348          | \$ 8,627   |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 09/27/10         | 12,754         | \$ 4.3130  | \$ 55,006    | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 52,837           | \$ 2,169   |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 10/07/10         | 25,507         | \$ 4.2450  | \$ 108,278   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 105,674          | \$ 2,604   |
|                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               |                  |                |            |              |                  |                     |               | 10/07/10         | 31,884         | \$ 4.2460  | \$ 135,380   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 132,092          | \$ 3,287   |
| Total WACOG      | 540,000        |            | \$ 2,535,522 |                  | \$ 1,857,487        | \$ 678,035    |                  | 230,000        |            | \$ 1,146,257 |                  | \$ 910,230          | \$ 236,027    |                  | 440,000        |            | \$ 2,221,783 |                  | \$ 1,822,875        | \$ 398,908 |
|                  |                |            | \$ 4,6954    |                  | \$ 3,4398           | \$ 1,2556     |                  |                |            | \$ 4,9837    |                  | \$ 3,9575           | \$ 1,0262     |                  |                |            | \$ 5,0495    |                  | \$ 4,1429           | \$ 0,9066  |

| Purchase Date   | 28             |            |             |                  |                     |               | 31              |                |            |              |                  |                     | Total            |                |            |             |                  |                     |              |              |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 | Feb-10         |            |             |                  |                     |               | Mar-11          |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  |                |            |             |                  |                     |              |              |
| Physical Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market | Purchase Date | Physical Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes  | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market | Financial Volume | Purchase Price | Total Cost | NNG Indexes | NNG Indexes Cost | Over/(Under) Market |              |              |
| 05/24/10        | 11,250         | \$ 5.2550  | \$ 59,119   | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 47,020           | \$ 12,098     | 05/14/10        | 89,894         | \$ 5.4850  | \$ 493,066   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 364,301          | \$ 128,765       |                | 274,508    | \$ 5.2452   | \$ 1,439,835     | \$ 3.8450           | \$ 1,055,471 | \$ 384,364   |
| 05/24/10        | 5,625          | \$ 5.2560  | \$ 29,565   | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 23,510           | \$ 6,055      | 05/14/10        | 20,745         | \$ 5.4880  | \$ 113,847   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 84,069           | \$ 29,777        |                | 52,343     | \$ 5.3860   | \$ 281,918       | \$ 3.9047           | \$ 204,382   | \$ 77,536    |
| 05/24/10        | 22,500         | \$ 5.2570  | \$ 118,282  | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 94,041           | \$ 24,242     | 06/21/10        | 131,383        | \$ 5.5150  | \$ 724,577   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 532,440          | \$ 192,137       |                | 268,683    | \$ 5.4413   | \$ 1,461,992     | \$ 3.8402           | \$ 1,031,806 | \$ 430,186   |
| 06/10/10        | 50,625         | \$ 5.5990  | \$ 283,449  | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 211,591          | \$ 71,858     | 07/29/10        | 55,319         | \$ 5.1410  | \$ 284,396   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 224,185          | \$ 60,210        |                | 234,124    | \$ 5.1652   | \$ 1,209,297     | \$ 3.8339           | \$ 897,601   | \$ 311,696   |
| 07/29/10        | 33,750         | \$ 5.2390  | \$ 176,816  | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 141,061          | \$ 35,755     | 07/29/10        | 69,149         | \$ 5.1420  | \$ 355,564   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 280,232          | \$ 75,332        |                | 272,744    | \$ 5.1702   | \$ 1,410,147     | \$ 3.8947           | \$ 1,062,267 | \$ 347,880   |
| 08/09/10        | 22,500         | \$ 4.9990  | \$ 112,477  | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 94,041           | \$ 18,437     | 08/19/10        | 13,830         | \$ 4.7080  | \$ 65,111    | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 56,046           | \$ 9,064         |                | 213,995    | \$ 4.7152   | \$ 1,009,031     | \$ 3.8359           | \$ 820,864   | \$ 188,167   |
| 09/29/10        | 16,875         | \$ 4.3150  | \$ 72,816   | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 70,530           | \$ 2,285      | 08/19/10        | 13,830         | \$ 4.7090  | \$ 65,124    | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 56,046           | \$ 9,078         |                | 98,101     | \$ 4.6577   | \$ 456,922       | \$ 3.9116           | \$ 383,727   | \$ 73,195    |
| 10/07/10        | 16,875         | \$ 4.2630  | \$ 71,938   | \$ 4.1796        | \$ 70,530           | \$ 1,408      | 08/19/10        | 76,064         | \$ 4.7100  | \$ 358,261   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 308,255          | \$ 50,006        |                | 176,527    | \$ 4.4642   | \$ 788,048       | \$ 3.8843           | \$ 685,680   | \$ 102,368   |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               | 09/27/10        | 89,894         | \$ 4.2640  | \$ 383,306   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 364,301          | \$ 19,005        |                | 144,778    | \$ 4.5043   | \$ 652,128       | \$ 4.0574           | \$ 587,417   | \$ 64,711    |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               | 10/07/10        | 76,064         | \$ 4.2350  | \$ 322,130   | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 308,255          | \$ 13,876        |                | 118,194    | \$ 4.3227   | \$ 510,914       | \$ 4.0487           | \$ 478,533   | \$ 32,381    |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               | 10/07/10        | 13,830         | \$ 4.2390  | \$ 58,624    | \$ 4.0526        | \$ 56,046           | \$ 2,578         |                | 20,207     | \$ 4.4754   | \$ 90,432        | \$ 4.0811           | \$ 82,465    | \$ 7,967     |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 12,754         | \$ 4.9890  | \$ 63,628   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 52,837           | \$ 10,791    |              |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 31,884         | \$ 4.9900  | \$ 159,101  | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 132,092          | \$ 27,009    |              |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 51,014         | \$ 4.3120  | \$ 219,974  | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 211,348          | \$ 8,627     |              |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 12,754         | \$ 4.3130  | \$ 55,006   | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 52,837           | \$ 2,169     |              |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 25,507         | \$ 4.2450  | \$ 108,278  | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 105,674          | \$ 2,604     |              |
|                 |                |            |             |                  |                     |               |                 |                |            |              |                  |                     |                  | 31,884         | \$ 4.2460  | \$ 135,380  | \$ 4.1429        | \$ 132,092          | \$ 3,287     |              |
| Total WACOG     | 180,000        |            | \$ 924,463  |                  | \$ 752,324          | \$ 172,139    |                 | 650,000        |            | \$ 3,224,007 |                  | \$ 2,634,177        | \$ 589,830       |                | 2,040,000  |             | \$ 10,052,032    |                     | \$ 7,977,093 | \$ 2,071,651 |
|                 |                |            | \$ 5,1359   |                  | \$ 4,1796           | \$ 0,9563     |                 |                |            | \$ 4,9600    |                  | \$ 4,0526           | \$ 0,9074        |                |            |             | \$ 4,9275        |                     | \$ 3,9103    | \$ 1,0155    |

**MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - PNG**  
Projected Storage/Exchange Volumes Cost - November 2010 through March 2011

| Month/<br>Year | K#118657<br>NNG<br>Storage | Storage<br>K#121292<br>LS<br>Power | Total<br>NNG<br>Storage | WACOG<br>Projected<br>K#118657<br>NNG<br>WACOG | Projected<br>K#121292<br>NNG<br>WACOG | K#118657<br>NNG<br>Storage<br>Cost | K#121292<br>NNG<br>Storage<br>Cost | Total<br>NNG<br>Storage<br>Cost | GLGT/VGT<br>Centra<br>AECO Storage | GLGT/VGT<br>Centra<br>AECO Storage<br>WACOG | GLGT/VGT<br>Centra<br>AECO Storage<br>Cost |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Nov-10         | 455,259                    | 39,000                             | 494,259                 | \$ 4.0923                                      | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 1,863,052                       | \$ 159,599                         | \$ 2,022,651                    | 94,773                             | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 358,837                                 |
| Dec-10         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | \$ 4.0923                                      | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,681,515                       | \$ 401,044                         | \$ 5,082,559                    | 260,095                            | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 984,793                                 |
| Jan-11         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | \$ 4.0923                                      | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,681,515                       | \$ 401,044                         | \$ 5,082,559                    | 260,095                            | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 984,793                                 |
| Feb-11         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | \$ 4.0923                                      | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,681,515                       | \$ 401,044                         | \$ 5,082,559                    | 234,925                            | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 889,492                                 |
| Mar-11         | 455,259                    | 39,000                             | 494,259                 | \$ 4.0923                                      | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 1,863,052                       | \$ 159,599                         | \$ 2,022,651                    | 97,932                             | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 370,798                                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,342,470</b>           | <b>372,000</b>                     | <b>4,714,470</b>        | <b>\$ 4.0923</b>                               | <b>\$ 4.0923</b>                      | <b>\$ 17,770,648</b>               | <b>\$ 1,522,332</b>                | <b>\$ 19,292,980</b>            | <b>947,820</b>                     | <b>\$ 3.7863</b>                            | <b>\$ 3,588,712</b>                        |

| Month/<br>Year | NNG<br>Storage<br>Volume | NNG<br>Indexes<br>Price | NNG<br>Indexes<br>Cost | AECO<br>Storage<br>Volume | AECO<br>Storage<br>LDS +<br>Basis | AECO<br>Storage<br>LDS +<br>Cost | Total<br>AECO Storage<br>Volumes | Total<br>AECO Storage<br>WACOG | Total<br>AECO Storage<br>Cost | Total<br>AECO Storage<br>Market<br>WACOG | Total<br>AECO Storage<br>Market<br>Cost |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Nov-10         | 494,259                  | \$ 3.6890               | \$ 1,823,321           | 94,773                    | \$ 3.7065                         | \$ 351,276                       | 94,773                           | \$ 3.7863                      | \$ 358,837                    | \$ 3.7065                                | \$ 351,276                              |
| Dec-10         | 1,241,984                | \$ 4.0684               | \$ 5,052,852           | 260,095                   | \$ 4.1445                         | \$ 1,077,964                     | 260,095                          | \$ 3.7863                      | \$ 984,793                    | \$ 4.1445                                | \$ 1,077,964                            |
| Jan-11         | 1,241,984                | \$ 4.3351               | \$ 5,384,181           | 260,095                   | \$ 4.2080                         | \$ 1,094,480                     | 260,095                          | \$ 3.7863                      | \$ 984,793                    | \$ 4.2080                                | \$ 1,094,480                            |
| Feb-11         | 1,241,984                | \$ 4.3571               | \$ 5,411,451           | 234,925                   | \$ 4.2170                         | \$ 990,679                       | 234,925                          | \$ 3.7863                      | \$ 889,492                    | \$ 4.2170                                | \$ 990,679                              |
| Mar-11         | 494,259                  | \$ 4.2157               | \$ 2,083,645           | 97,932                    | \$ 4.1795                         | \$ 409,307                       | 97,932                           | \$ 3.7863                      | \$ 370,798                    | \$ 4.1795                                | \$ 409,307                              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,714,470</b>         | <b>\$ 4.1904</b>        | <b>\$ 19,755,450</b>   | <b>947,820</b>            | <b>\$ 4.1397</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,923,705</b>              | <b>947,820</b>                   | <b>\$ 3.7863</b>               | <b>\$ 3,588,712</b>           | <b>\$ 4.1397</b>                         | <b>\$ 3,923,705</b>                     |

Max NNG Storage (Storage plan withdrawals through Apr 11) 4,714,470 5,069,321 10/31/09 Storage Balance - NNG (estimate) 5,069,321 100.00% 4,714,470  
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| Month/<br>Year | K#118657<br>NNG<br>Storage | Storage<br>K#121292<br>LS<br>Power | Total<br>NNG<br>Storage | NNG<br>PNG<br>Volumes | NNG<br>NMU<br>Volumes | NNG<br>Total<br>Volumes | Projected<br>K#118657<br>NNG<br>WACOG | Projected<br>K#121292<br>NNG<br>WACOG | WACOG<br>NNG<br>PNG<br>Cost | WACOG<br>NNG<br>NMU<br>Cost | WACOG<br>NNG<br>Total<br>Cost | NNG<br>Indexes<br>Price | NNG<br>Index<br>NNG<br>PNG<br>Cost | NNG<br>Index<br>NNG<br>NMU<br>Cost | NNG<br>Index<br>NNG<br>Total<br>Cost |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nov-10         | 455,259                    | 39,000                             | 494,259                 | 429,894               | 44,865                | 474,759                 | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 1,759,251                | \$ 183,601                  | \$ 1,942,852                  | \$ 3.6890               | \$ 1,585,879                       | \$ 165,507                         | \$ 1,751,386                         |
| Dec-10         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | 1,080,247             | 112,737               | 1,192,984               | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,420,684                | \$ 461,353                  | \$ 4,882,037                  | \$ 4.0684               | \$ 4,394,846                       | \$ 458,656                         | \$ 4,853,502                         |
| Jan-11         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | 1,080,247             | 112,737               | 1,192,984               | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,420,684                | \$ 461,353                  | \$ 4,882,037                  | \$ 4.3351               | \$ 4,683,028                       | \$ 488,731                         | \$ 5,171,759                         |
| Feb-11         | 1,143,984                  | 98,000                             | 1,241,984               | 1,080,247             | 112,737               | 1,192,984               | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4,420,684                | \$ 461,353                  | \$ 4,882,037                  | \$ 4.3571               | \$ 4,706,747                       | \$ 491,207                         | \$ 5,197,953                         |
| Mar-11         | 455,259                    | 39,000                             | 494,259                 | 429,894               | 44,865                | 474,759                 | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 4.0923                             | \$ 1,759,251                | \$ 183,601                  | \$ 1,942,852                  | \$ 4.2157               | \$ 1,812,301                       | \$ 189,137                         | \$ 2,001,438                         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,342,470</b>           | <b>372,000</b>                     | <b>4,714,470</b>        | <b>4,100,529</b>      | <b>427,941</b>        | <b>4,528,470</b>        | <b>\$ 4.0923</b>                      | <b>\$ 4.0923</b>                      | <b>\$ 16,780,555</b>        | <b>\$ 1,751,259</b>         | <b>\$ 18,531,814</b>          | <b>\$ 4.1904</b>        | <b>\$ 17,182,800</b>               | <b>\$ 1,793,238</b>                | <b>\$ 18,976,038</b>                 |

| Month/<br>Year | AECO<br>Storage | GLGT<br>PNG<br>Volumes | GLGT<br>NMU<br>Volumes | VGT<br>PNG<br>Volumes | VGT<br>NMU<br>Volumes | Centra<br>NMU<br>Volumes | Total<br>Nexen<br>Volumes | GLGT/VGT<br>Centra<br>AECO Storage<br>WACOG | GLGT<br>PNG<br>Cost | GLGT<br>NMU<br>Cost | VGT<br>PNG<br>Cost | VGT<br>NMU<br>Cost | Centra<br>NMU<br>Cost | Total<br>Nexen<br>Cost |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Nov-10         | 94,773          | 15,429                 | 27,626                 | 12,846                | 21,064                | 17,808                   | 94,773                    | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 58,420           | \$ 104,600          | \$ 48,637          | \$ 79,753          | \$ 67,427             | \$ 358,837             |
| Dec-10         | 260,095         | 42,344                 | 75,817                 | 35,254                | 57,807                | 48,873                   | 260,095                   | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 160,327          | \$ 287,063          | \$ 133,481         | \$ 218,875         | \$ 185,048            | \$ 984,793             |
| Jan-11         | 260,095         | 42,344                 | 75,817                 | 35,254                | 57,807                | 48,873                   | 260,095                   | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 160,327          | \$ 287,063          | \$ 133,481         | \$ 218,875         | \$ 185,048            | \$ 984,793             |
| Feb-11         | 234,925         | 38,246                 | 68,480                 | 31,842                | 52,213                | 44,144                   | 234,925                   | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 144,811          | \$ 259,283          | \$ 120,563         | \$ 197,694         | \$ 167,140            | \$ 889,492             |
| Mar-11         | 97,932          | 15,944                 | 28,547                 | 13,274                | 21,766                | 18,402                   | 97,932                    | \$ 3.7863                                   | \$ 60,367           | \$ 108,086          | \$ 50,259          | \$ 82,411          | \$ 69,675             | \$ 370,798             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>947,820</b>  | <b>154,307</b>         | <b>276,286</b>         | <b>128,469</b>        | <b>210,657</b>        | <b>178,101</b>           | <b>947,820</b>            | <b>\$ 3.7863</b>                            | <b>\$ 584,251</b>   | <b>\$ 1,046,095</b> | <b>\$ 486,421</b>  | <b>\$ 797,607</b>  | <b>\$ 674,339</b>     | <b>\$ 3,588,712</b>    |

| Month/<br>Year | AECO<br>Storage | GLGT<br>PNG<br>Volumes | GLGT<br>NMU<br>Volumes | VGT<br>PNG<br>Volumes | VGT<br>NMU<br>Volumes | Centra<br>NMU<br>Volumes | Total<br>Nexen<br>Volumes | Projected<br>AECO<br>Index<br>Price | GLGT<br>PNG<br>Cost | GLGT<br>NMU<br>Cost | VGT<br>PNG<br>Cost | VGT<br>NMU<br>Cost | Centra<br>NMU<br>Cost | Total<br>Nexen<br>Cost |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Nov-10         | 94,773          | 15,429                 | 27,626                 | 12,846                | 21,064                | 17,808                   | 94,773                    | \$ 3.7065                           | \$ 57,189           | \$ 102,396          | \$ 47,613          | \$ 78,073          | \$ 66,007             | \$ 351,276             |
| Dec-10         | 260,095         | 42,344                 | 75,817                 | 35,254                | 57,807                | 48,873                   | 260,095                   | \$ 4.1445                           | \$ 175,495          | \$ 314,222          | \$ 146,109         | \$ 239,582         | \$ 202,555            | \$ 1,077,964           |
| Jan-11         | 260,095         | 42,344                 | 75,817                 | 35,254                | 57,807                | 48,873                   | 260,095                   | \$ 4.2080                           | \$ 178,184          | \$ 319,036          | \$ 148,348         | \$ 243,253         | \$ 205,659            | \$ 1,094,480           |
| Feb-11         | 234,925         | 38,246                 | 68,480                 | 31,842                | 52,213                | 44,144                   | 234,925                   | \$ 4.2170                           | \$ 161,285          | \$ 288,779          | \$ 134,278         | \$ 220,183         | \$ 186,154            | \$ 990,679             |
| Mar-11         | 97,932          | 15,944                 | 28,547                 | 13,274                | 21,766                | 18,402                   | 97,932                    | \$ 4.1795                           | \$ 66,636           | \$ 119,311          | \$ 55,478          | \$ 90,970          | \$ 76,911             | \$ 409,307             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>947,820</b>  | <b>154,307</b>         | <b>276,286</b>         | <b>128,469</b>        | <b>210,657</b>        | <b>178,101</b>           | <b>947,820</b>            | <b>\$ 4.1397</b>                    | <b>\$ 638,788</b>   | <b>\$ 1,143,744</b> | <b>\$ 531,826</b>  | <b>\$ 872,061</b>  | <b>\$ 737,286</b>     | <b>\$ 3,923,705</b>    |



