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Mr. Will Seuffert
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RE: In the Matter of the Request of Minnesota Regulated Gas and Electric Utilities for Authorization to Track Expenses Resulting from the Effects of COVID-19 and Record and Defer Such Expenses into a Regulatory Asset Docket No. E,G-999/M-20-427

Supplemental Compliance Filing – COVID Cost Estimates

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (“CenterPoint Energy” or “Company”), respectfully submits this supplemental Compliance Filing to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to the Commission’s May 22, 2020 Order in this docket which was further clarified on June 25, 2020 by the Executive Secretary via letter.

On July 30, 2020 the Company filed information in this docket including estimates of COVID-related costs or offsets. The Company marked this information as trade secret as it was being filed in advance of the Company’s second quarter earnings call but committed to filing the information publicly following the call. The Company’s earnings call took place on August 6, 2020, so the Company is submitting the COVID-related costs and offset estimates publicly in this filing.

Please contact me with any questions about this filing at 612-321-4334 or erica.larson@centerpointenergy.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erica Larson

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REGULATORY ASSET TRACKER - COVID-19

Attachment_A

Category	Initiative	Item	Category*	Short Description	Basis	Internal Order	2020 Actual	2020 Estimate (3)	Reg Asset/(Liability)
O&M	Non-Labor	Bad Debt Expense	Add	Due to unemployment and lack of disconnections Bad Debt is expected to increase	Actual bad debt will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524	11042366	\$ 4,723,026	\$ 2,243,937	\$ 2,479,089
O&M	Non-Labor	Materials	Add	1) Materials and Supplies purchased in support of pandemic response (hand sanitizer, Personal Protection Equipment, sleeping bags, cots, etc.) 2) MREs to prepare for sequester in the event 40% infection of critical operations workforce	CNP is tracking these expenses separately and proposes any purchases for these materials are deferred to the Regulatory Asset	11042366 11042305 11042368	\$ 147,190 \$ 29,809 \$ 3,891	0 0 0	\$ 147,190 \$ 29,809 \$ 3,891
O&M	Non-Labor	Network	Add	Additional costs to support work from home directive as prescribed by state and federal orders which include expanded conference line capacity, increased network bandwidth, expanded video conferencing licenses, cell phone hot spots, laptops, head-sets, cyber security, and other tools needed to perform work from home	Additional Costs incurred to support the work from home. These amounts will all be incremental. The Company is tracking incremental costs separately.	11042366 11042305 11042368 S/156200/EX/ENTD131	\$ 52 \$ 1,526 \$ 41 \$ 1,093	0 0 0 0	\$ 52 \$ 1,526 \$ 41 \$ 1,093
O&M	Labor	Overtime	Add	1) Unaffected/healthy employees working additional shifts to cover for those that are sick/quarantined or unable to work during emergency 2) Additional hours to complete work due to social distancing	Actual labor will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524				\$ -
O&M	Non-Labor	Fleet	Add/Offset	Additional costs from social distancing and workforce changes such as fuel and maintenance for taking vehicles to employees homes for rapid response. Reduction in costs could result from lower use of pool vehicles.	Actual costs will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524	(1) (2)	\$ 363,027	\$ 426,668	\$ (63,641)
O&M	Non-Labor	Contractor Disconnection Costs	Add/Offset	Disconnections are temporarily suspended which should result in an initial reduced cost to the company. However, increased costs associated with disconnections could arise if overtime is needed once disconnections resume.	Actual costs will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524	(1) (2)	\$ -	\$ 1,132,456	\$ (1,132,456)
Revenue	Gas	Sales	Margin loss	Customer energy usage anticipated to decrease as a result of lower demand as well as government restrictions on operations. Net of decoupling	Actual revenues will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524 Net of decoupling				\$ -
Revenue	Gas	Customer Loss	Margin loss	Reduction in customer counts from business closures	Actual revenues will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524				\$ -
Revenue	Gas	Late Payment Revenues	Margin loss	Customer fees waived as a result of supporting the economy and customer impacts.	Actual revenues will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524				\$ -
O&M	Non-Labor	Travel and Entertainment	Offset	Due to COVID-19 Travel and Entertainment has temporarily been suspended.	Actual costs will be compared with 2020 Test Year in Docket 19-524	(1)	\$ 370,516	\$ 471,160	\$ (100,644)
Total									\$ 1,365,950

*The Category tracks whether or not the item identified will increase the Regulatory Asset amount deferred, or offset the amount in the deferral. Margin Loss will increase the Regulatory Asset.

(1) Not currently tracked by cost object at June 30, 2020

(2) At the closing of June 2020 books cost savings had not been booked, but based on review CenterPoint Energy anticipates making a savings entry in the Regulatory Asset.

(3) The estimate column represents amounts included in the current rate case, Docket No. G008/GR-19-524, for the months March - June.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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