



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Thursday, August 6, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. **E001/M-15-317 Interstate Power and Light Company**
Interstate Power and Light Company's 2014 Annual Safety, Reliability, and Service Quality Report and Proposed SAIFI, SAIDI and CAIDI Indices for 2015. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Byrne)
Accepted filing, required filing of informational report w/ 90 days after close of transaction or April 1, 2016.

2. **G004/M-15-390 Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.**
2014 Annual Gas Service Quality Report (Report) submitted by Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: St. Pierre)
Accepted Report pending reply comments discussing reasons for increase in duration of service interruptions in July, August, and October 2014.

3. **G008/M-15-421 CenterPoint Energy**
CenterPoint Energy's 2014 Demand Side Management Financial Incentive, Conservation Improvement Program Tracker Report, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Aggregated Compliance Filing. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: St. Pierre)
Approved 2014 DSM financial incentive, CIP tracker account, CCRA, and bill message.

4. **G004/M-15-566 Great Plains Natural Gas Company**
Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Approval of a New Consumer Billing Statement Form. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: Otis)

Approved petition.

5. * **G004/M-14-563** **Great Plains Natural Gas Company**
In the Matter of a Petition by Great Plains Natural Gas Company (Great Plains) for Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2014-2015 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2014.

Should the Commission approve Great Plains proposed demand entitlement capacity (levels) and cost changes to meet its Design Day and Reserve Margin requirements as described in the listed docket, effective November 1, 2014? (PUC: **Brill**)

Approved design day method, reserve margins, and PGA recovery of demand entitlement proposals for South and North PGA districts.

6. ** **G007,011/GR-10-977** **Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation**
In the Matter of the Application by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission accept Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's annual revenue decoupling evaluation report for 2014, and approve Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's revenue decoupling rate adjustments?

Should the Commission authorize MERC's decoupling program to become permanent effective January 1, 2016? (PUC: **Alonso**)

Accepted 2014 decoupling evaluation report and revenue decoupling adjustment calculations, required 2015 evaluation report by May 1, 2016, extended decoupling pilot program until further Commission action, required future filing on expanding decoupling to other customer classes.

7. ** **G999/AA-14-580, et al** **All Commission-Regulated Natural Gas Utilities**

In the Matter of the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports and Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-up Filings.

Should the Commission accept the natural gas utilities' 2013-2014 annual automatic adjustment reports and 2013-2014 annual true-up filings?

Should the Commission accept Great Plains' and Minnesota Energy Resources' FYE14 true-ups and grant rule variances allowing them to make corrections in their September 1, 2015 true-ups, or should it reject their FYE14 true-ups and require them to file corrected true-ups

and make refunds and surcharges according to Minn. Rule 7820.4000?

Should the Commission require Great Plains to request that its auditor include as part of the true-up audit, the assignment of costs and revenues between PGA systems?

Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's Capacity Utilization Program as a permanent program or defer the decision and grant Xcel an extension of time to use the accounting treatment under the program from the date the pilot program ended through the date of the Commission Order in pending Docket No. E,G002/M-15-618?

Should the Commission require all MN natural gas utilities to: 1) have a common unauthorized gas penalty of \$5 per therm; 2) update their tariff provisions to include CenterPoint Energy's additional unauthorized gas penalty - charging non-compliant interruptible customers the highest incremental cost of gas during that day; 3) update their tariff provisions to include language comparable to Xcel Gas' tariff language in Docket No. G-002/M-14-540; and 4) provide information on unauthorized gas use for the next three years in the Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports? (PUC: **Bender, Brill**)

Accepted FYE annual reports as complete. continued requirements, approved utility requests and authorized implementation of true-ups, requested utility information on unauthorized gas usage during heating interruptions; set curtailment penalties.

8. ** E002/M-15-515 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

In the Matter of a Petition for Approval to Share Proceeds from the Sale of Renewable Energy Credits with Customers.

Should the Commission approve Xcel's proposal to share proceeds from a recent Renewable Energy Credit sale with customers? (PUC: **Twite, Morrissey,**)

Approved sharing of net proceeds with modifications for this sale, approved mechanism set in Docket 12-1132 for profit sharing on sale-by-sale basis, required compliance filing, authorized Company to submit a performance-based REC sales profit-sharing proposal with conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.

** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)

Please note: For the complete record, please see eDockets