

Chair Katie Sieben DECISION OPTION  
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G-008/M-21-138; G-004/M-21-235; G-008/M-21-611; G-002/CI-21-610  
G-999/CI-21-135

**In the Matter of a Commission Investigation into the Impact of Severe Weather in February 2021 on Impacted Minnesota Natural Gas Utilities and Customers**

Each impacted natural gas utility is required to review its gas contracting, purchasing, hedging, storage, peak-shaving, interruptible, customer communications, and other relevant practices and, by September 15, 2022, file a plan in its respective docket and in CI-21-135 on how it will improve or modify its practices to protect ratepayers from extraordinary natural gas price spikes in the future. As part of its plan, each utility shall identify the general timeframe it will implement the modifications, and, if the proposed change requires modification of tariff, proposed tariff language. Utilities should also identify, in their filings, any statutory or rule changes that could be implemented to protect ratepayers from future price spikes. Utilities should also indicate how any proposed tariff, rule, or statutory changes are consistent with the Natural Gas Innovation Act (Minn. Stat. 216B.2427 and 216B.2428). Reply comments to the utility plans will be due by October 7, 2022. The Commission shall hold hearings on these plans on or before December 2, 2022.

Order Point 26 of the Commission's August 30, 2021 Order in Dockets 21-135, 21-138, 21-235, 21-610 and 21-611, regarding a stakeholder group, is revoked.