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November 15, 2021

Mr. Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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**RE: New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) Docket No. G-008/GR-21-436 for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing (G-008/GR-21-435)**

**REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas ("CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas" or the "Company"), respectfully submits its Reply Comments in response to the November 10, 2021, Comments filed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") regarding the Company's November 1, 2021, Base Cost of Gas ("BCOG") Rates filing made in conjunction with its Application for Authority to Increase Gas Rates in Minnesota.

The Department recommends that the Commission **approve** the Company's BCOG filing with additional recommendations. Specifically, the Department recommends that CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas:

- provide updated cost of gas information in this proceeding and in its companion general rate case;
- work with Commission and Department Staff to determine the appropriate timing for providing this information and whether the update(s) to the information should be applied to CenterPoint's BCOG and reflected in the accompanying general rate case. The update(s) should be filed in both this docket and in the general rate case Docket 21-435; and
- if the Commission changes the Company's interim rate proposal, require CenterPoint to provide updated tariff sheet reflecting the Commission's interim rate decision(s) in this proceeding.

The Company thanks the Department for its thorough review and agrees with the Department's recommendations. CenterPoint Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on these procedural issues. Please contact me at (612) 321-4480 or [andrew.sudbury@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:andrew.sudbury@centerpointenergy.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Donald Wynia served the above Reply Comments in response to the November 15, 2021 *Comments* filed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Docket No. G-008/GR-21-436) to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by having the document delivered by electronic filing.

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