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October 30, 2015

Mr. Dan Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
350 Metro Square Building
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

**Re: CenterPoint Energy 's Request for Change in Demand Units
Docket No. G008/M-15-644- Supplemental Information**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed please find revisions to several exhibits of CenterPoint Energy's Request for Change in Demand Units. On July 1, 2015 CenterPoint Energy (CPE or the Company) filed a request for Change in Demand Units. Herein, CPE provides supplemental information that includes Northern Natural Gas' (NNG) Base/Variable unit restatement.

In the present filing, CenterPoint Energy has:

- Updated its Base/Variable split – see Exhibit C, Page 1 for NNG schedule;
- Added 1,995 DT/day units of winter entitlement on NNG to meet Carlton obligation;
- Updated the discounted winter rate with changes under the discount agreement;
- Updated the NNG commodity credits;
- Updated the Viking Pipeline rate;
- Added 10,000 additional units of three-month winter entitlement on Viking Pipeline;
- Updated the seasonal reservation schedule for the upcoming winter season in Exhibit C, page 2
- Updated the NGPL cost allocation between Firm and SVDF due to changes in sales estimates (Exhibit C, page 3).

These changes will be reflected in the Company's November 2015 PGA billing rates.

CenterPoint Energy provides additional information to support the additional proposed changes made to the demand portfolio since its initial filing in July 2015:

Additional Capacity on NNG at Carlton:

NNG filed its annual update on the Carlton Obligation in FERC Docket RP15-1192. Effective November 1, 2015, CenterPoint Energy's total Carlton flow obligation will increase to 63,945 DT; therefore, the Company needed additional incremental Carlton receipt point capacity. On August 27, 2015, NNG had an open season for firm transportation with a Carlton primary receipt point. CenterPoint Energy bid and was awarded 1,995 DT with a term of November 1, 2015 through March 31, 2019. Adding additional volumes at Carlton allows the company to have sufficient primary receipt capacity to fulfill our winter 2015-2016 Carlton obligation.

Viking Pipeline – Additional winter unit of entitlement

The decision was made after CenterPoint Energy's initial Demand Entitlement filing to purchase additional daily winter capacity on Viking for December 2015-February 2016 for 10,000 DT/day. The incremental capacity will help ensure winter peak day capacity and increase the reserve margin while the Mankato propane air plant is unavailable for winter 2015-2016.

The attached pages provide replacement pages for the original filing.

Exhibit A – Page 1 – Annual Demand Cost estimate – Nov. 1 updated

Exhibit A – Page 2 – October 2015 rate for comparison

Exhibit B – Page 2 – Updated Total Requirements plus Peak Shaving

Exhibit B – Page 3 – Updated Demand Profile, added comparisons

Exhibit B – Page 4 – Updated impact on annual customer costs

Supporting Workpapers – Exhibit C - new

Page 1 – Northern Natural Gas Entitlement Profile

Page 2 – Seasonal Reservation Costs

Page 3 – NGPL Cost Allocation – update due to sales estimate change

CenterPoint Energy will increase overall total demand costs from October 2015 by about \$2.1 million annually, due mainly to additional Northern entitlements (\$1.3 million), additional Trailblazer entitlement and changes to the mix of supplier demand services contracted. The annual effect on a typical residential heating customer using 881 therms is an increase of about \$1.94 from October rates.

Estimate of Annual Demand Costs

October:	881 X \$0.08282 =	\$72.96 per year before "smoothing" adjustment
November:	881 X \$0.08502 =	<u>\$74.90 per year</u> before "smoothing" adjustment
Difference:		\$ 1.94 per year

CenterPoint Energy has designated selected information in this document trade secret – Specifically Exhibit A, Pages 1 and 2, Exhibit B, Pages 3, Exhibit C, pages 2 and 3. The information meets the definition of trade secret in Minn. Stat. 13.37 subd.1(b) as follows: (1) the information was supplied by CenterPoint Energy, the affected organization; (2) CenterPoint Energy has taken all reasonable efforts to maintain the secrecy of the information, including

protecting it from disclosure in this document; and (3) the protected information contains gas supply contract information which derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

Sincerely,

/s/
Marie M. Doyle
Regulatory Analyst

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST FROM THE DOC

2. Provide Heating Degree Day (HDD) data for the most recent 12 month period, ending March 31 or October 30.

		Peak Season (Nov-Mar)	Off Peak (Apr-Oct)	Total <u>Actual</u>
Total Heating Degree Day (April 2014 - March 2015)	Actual	6,195	1,541	7,736
	Normal (20 yr) (1995-2014)	6,018	1,401	7,419
Total Annual Firm Sales (In Dekatherms (April 2014 - March 2015))				121,150,874
Average Annual Firm Customers (April 2014 - March 2015)				815,953
Use per Firm Customer				148.5
Projected Peak Day HDD (Typical) (-12 degrees F.)				77
Projected Design Day HDD (-25 degrees F.)				90

3. Historical and Projected Design Day and Peak Day Requirements

Heating Season	Firm Customers (January)	Design Day Dekatherms	Total Requirements plus Peak Shaving	Firm Peak Day Sendout
2015/2016 P	841,135	1,317,000	1,355,561	na
2014/2015	830,377	1,290,000	1,344,418	959,990
2013/2014	821,220	1,288,000	1,340,099	1,086,330
2012/2013	813,605	1,280,000	1,346,781	961,134
2011/2012	807,922	1,216,000	1,379,681	830,444

P = projected

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	10-1162 (Dec. 2010)	11-1078 (Dec 2011)	11-1078 (April 2012)	12-864 (Jan 2013)	13-578 (Jan 2014)	14-561 (Jan 2015)	FILED July 2015 (Nov 2015)	UPDATED Nov 2015	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Quantity (Dkt)	Change fr. July	Change Last Demand
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Heating Season Services										
NING TF-12 Base Winter										
NING TF-12 Base Summer										
NING TF-12 Variable Winter										
NING TF-12 Variable Summer										
NING TF-12 -Growth-Winter										
NING TF-12 -Growth Summer										
NING TF-5										
NING TF-5 Growth										
NING TF-5 Growth										
TFX-5 mo (non-discounted)										
TFX-12 mo (non-discounted)										
TFX-A1-winter										
TFX-A1-summer										
TFX-A2-winter										
TFX-A2-summer										
TFX-B1-winter										
TFX-B1-summer										
TFX-B2-winter										
TFX-B2-summer										
TFX-C1-winter										
TFX-C1-summer										
TFX-C2-winter										
TFX-C2-summer										
Total NNG Demand Winter	979,172	979,172	979,172	978,872	981,657	987,009	1,018,671	1,020,666 **	1,995	33,657
Total NNG Demand Summer	551,883	551,883	551,883	551,673	553,531	555,729	574,472	574,472	0	18,743
[TRADE SECRET DATA BEGINS]										
Reservation - Waterville (151 days)										
SMS										
Viking										
FT-A - 12 month										
FT-A - 5 month (5,000 5 mo.)										
FT-A - 3 month										
Total Viking Demand	76,809	76,809	76,809	56,809	56,809	56,809	56,809	66,809	10,000	10,000
Trailblazer (FTS Backhaul)										
Supply Demand										
[TRADE SECRET DATA BEGINS]										
Seasonal Reservation										
Storage NGPL										
Storage Tennessee										
Storage BP Canada										
Storage Northern Natural FDD										
NOTE: Reflects Total volumes contracted and does not reflect any cost allocation.										
Released Capacity	0	0	0	(1,500)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Underground Storage	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0
LNG Peak Shaving	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	0	0
Propane Peak Shaving	201,700	201,700	201,700	188,800	179,633	178,600	171,000	171,000	0	(7,600)
Total Peaking	323,700	323,700	323,700	310,800	301,633	300,600	293,000	293,000	0	(7,600)
Total Capacity	1,379,481	1,379,481	1,379,681	1,344,981	1,340,099	1,344,418	1,343,566	1,355,561 **	11,995	11,143
Total Peak-Shaving Capacity/On-line Storage	323,700	323,700	323,700	310,800	301,633	300,600	293,000	293,000	0	(7,600)
Total Annual Transportation	608,692	608,692	608,692	608,482	610,340	612,538	631,281	631,281	0	18,743
Total Seasonal Transportation	1,055,981	1,055,981	1,055,981	1,034,181	1,039,466	1,043,818	1,050,566	1,062,561 **	11,995	18,743
Peak Shaving as % of Total Capacity	23.5%	23.5%	23.5%	23.1%	22.5%	22.4%	21.8%	21.6%		
Annual Transportation as % of Total Capacity	44.1%	44.1%	44.1%	45.2%	45.5%	45.6%	47.0%	46.6%		
Seasonal Transportation as % of Total Capacity	76.5%	76.5%	76.5%	76.9%	77.5%	77.6%	78.2%	78.4%		
Annual and Seasonal Transportation as % of Total Transportation	63.4%	63.4%	63.4%	63.0%	63.0%	63.0%	62.5%	62.7%		

	Last Rate Case (G008/MR-15- 728 and GR-14- 424)	Last Demand Change (G008/M-14- 561) (01/2015)	October 2015 PGA	November 2015 PGA (M-15- 644)	Change From Last Rate Case	Change From Last Demand Change	Percent Change (%) From Most Recent PGA	Change (\$) From Most Recent PGA
Residential								
Commodity Cost of Gas (WACOG) (4)	\$3.4897	\$4.2198	\$2.7831	\$2.8243	-19.07%	-33.07%	1.48%	\$0.0412
Demand Cost of Gas (1)	\$0.7646	\$0.8292	\$0.8282	\$0.8502	11.20%	2.53%	2.66%	\$0.0220
Commodity Margin (2)	\$1.8458	\$1.9640	\$1.9341	\$1.9341	4.78%	-1.52%	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$6.1001	\$7.0130	\$5.5454	\$5.6086	-8.06%	-20.03%	1.14%	\$0.0632
Average Annual Usage (Dk)	100	100	100	100				
Average Annual Total Cost of Gas	\$610.01	\$701.30	\$554.54	\$560.86	-8.06%	-20.03%	1.14%	\$6.32
Average Annual Total Demand Cost of Gas								\$2.20

	Last Rate Case (G008/MR-15- 728 and GR-14- 424)	Last Demand Change (G008/M-14- 561) (01/2015)	October 2015 PGA	November 2015 PGA (M-15- 644)	Change From Last Rate Case	Change From Last Demand Change	Percent Change (%) From Most Recent PGA	Change (\$) From Most Recent PGA
Commercial/Industrial Firm - A								
Commodity Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$3.5019	\$4.2198	\$2.7831	\$2.8243	-19.35%	-33.07%	1.48%	\$0.0412
Demand Cost of Gas (1)	\$0.7646	\$0.8292	\$0.8282	\$0.8502	11.20%	2.53%	2.66%	\$0.0220
Commodity Margin	\$1.4129	\$1.2870	\$1.5012	\$1.5012	6.25%	16.64%	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$5.6794	\$6.3360	\$5.1125	\$5.1757	-8.87%	-18.31%	1.24%	\$0.0632
Average Annual Usage (Dk)	80	80	80	80				
Average Annual Total Cost of Gas	\$454.35	\$506.88	\$409.00	\$414.06	-8.87%	-18.31%	1.24%	\$5.06
Average Annual Total Demand Cost of Gas								\$1.76

	Last Rate Case (G008/MR-15- 728 and GR-14- 424)	Last Demand Change (G008/M-14- 561) (01/2015)	October 2015 PGA	November 2015 PGA (M-15- 644)	Change From Last Rate Case	Change From Last Demand Change	Percent Change (%) From Most Recent PGA	Change (\$) From Most Recent PGA
Commercial/Industrial Firm - B								
Commodity Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$3.5019	\$4.2198	\$2.7831	\$2.8243	-19.35%	-33.07%	1.48%	\$0.0412
Demand Cost of Gas (1)	\$0.7646	\$0.8292	\$0.8282	\$0.8502	11.20%	2.53%	2.66%	\$0.0220
Commodity Margin	\$1.3329	\$1.2840	\$1.4232	\$1.4232	6.77%	10.84%	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$5.5994	\$6.3330	\$5.0345	\$5.0977	-8.96%	-19.51%	1.26%	\$0.0632
Average Annual Usage (Dk)	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860				
Average Annual Total Cost of Gas	\$16,014.28	\$18,112.38	\$14,398.67	\$14,579.42	-8.96%	-19.51%	1.26%	\$180.75
Average Annual Total Demand Cost of Gas								\$62.92

	Last Rate Case (G008/MR-15- 728 and GR-14- 424)	Last Demand Change (G008/M-14- 561) (01/2015)	October 2015 PGA	November 2015 PGA (M-15- 644)	Change From Last Rate Case	Change From Last Demand Change	Percent Change (%) From Most Recent PGA	Change (\$) From Most Recent PGA
Commercial/Industrial Firm - C								
Commodity Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$3.4688	\$4.2198	\$2.7831	\$2.8243	-18.58%	-33.07%	1.48%	\$0.0412
Demand Cost of Gas (1)	\$0.7646	\$0.8292	\$0.8282	\$0.8502	11.20%	2.53%	2.66%	\$0.0220
Commodity Margin	\$1.3969	\$1.4852	\$1.4852	\$1.4852	6.32%	0.00%	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$5.6303	\$6.5342	\$5.0965	\$5.1597	-8.36%	-21.04%	1.24%	\$0.0632
Average Annual Usage (Dk)	14,300	14,300	14,300	14,300				
Average Annual Total Cost of Gas	\$80,513.29	\$93,439.06	\$72,879.95	\$73,783.71	-8.36%	-21.04%	1.24%	\$903.76
Average Annual Total Demand Cost of Gas								\$314.60

Summary	Commodity Change (\$/Dk)	Commodity Change (Percent)	Demand Change (\$/Dk)	Demand Change (Percent)	Total Change (\$/Dk)	Total Change (Percent)
Change from most recent PGA						
Customer Class						
Residential	\$0.0412	1.48%	\$0.0220	2.66%	\$6.32	1.14%
Commercial/Industrial Firm A	\$0.0412	1.48%	\$0.0220	2.66%	\$5.06	1.24%
Commercial/Industrial Firm B	\$0.0412	1.48%	\$0.0220	2.66%	\$180.75	1.26%
Commercial/Industrial Firm C	\$0.0412	1.48%	\$0.0220	2.66%	\$903.76	1.24%

(1) Does not include Demand Smoothing
(2) Reflects CCRA, Decoupling. Does not reflect GAP, Interim or GCR Factors.
(4) WACOG value in the Jan 2014 is Jan 2014 (Last Demand change)

NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015
THROUGHPUT ENTITLEMENT PROFILE

Business Development & Marketing
 Commercial Support

Utility: **CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS**

Actual May through September 2015 Throughput (MMBTU)

ACCT MO	TF	TI	FDD/IDD	OTHER	TOTAL
MAY	2,941,977	-	50,000	729,130	3,721,107
JUN	2,746,837	-	78,420	912,279	3,737,536
JUL	2,691,314	-	83,624	1,051,226	3,826,164
AUG	2,814,099	3,425	110,005	1,062,223	3,989,752
SEPT	3,011,871	-	66,352	1,109,476	4,187,699
TOTAL:	14,206,098	3,425	388,401	4,864,334	19,462,258

average day = 127,204

APPROVED TFX:	878,044
APPROVED TF5:	93,761
APPROVED TF12:	148,861
TOTAL:	1,120,666

ALLOCATED TF12B:	127,204
INCREMENTAL TF12B:	2,592
ALLOCATED TF12V:	19,065
TOTAL:	148,861

CNP Deliveries	
Transport	14,206,098
Odgen	338,401
3rd Party Storage - Glenwood	50,000
	<u>14,594,499</u>
Other	
Alternate Points / Interruptible	118,511
Temporary Releases	4,749,248
	<u>4,867,759</u>
Total	<u>19,462,258</u>
3rd Party Activity CNP does not get credit	
Primary Delivery	2,379,811
AMA	0
OSE	0
	<u>2,379,811</u>
	21,842,069

CONTRACT	TFX ENTLMNT	TF5 ENTLMNT	TF12V ENTLMNT	TF12B ENTLMNT	TOTAL ENTLMNT
111463	-	90,496	19,065	125,505	235,066
111463	-	800	-	2,256	3,056
127357		2301	-	1,699	4,000
127357		164	0	336	500
111461	50,000				50,000
111464	819,549				819,549
111697	6,500				6,500
129533	1,995				1,995
TOTAL:	878,044	93,761	19,065	129,796	1,120,666

Eff 11/01/2015 3056 increases

MDQ eff 11/01/2015 is 4,500

2014	847,943	92,797	33,651	110,919	1,085,310
Diff. (2015 -2014)	30,101	964	(14,586)	18,877	35,356

Supplier	Pipeline	Pricing	Demand Rate	Term / Description	Total MMBtu	Nov-15 Days	Nov-15 MMBtu	Nov-15 \$\$	Dec-15 Days	Dec-15 MMBtu	Dec-15 \$\$	Jan-16 Days	Jan-16 MMBtu	Jan-16 \$\$	Feb-16 Days	Feb-16 MMBtu	Feb-16 \$\$	Mar-16 Days	Mar-16 MMBtu	Mar-16 \$\$	Total \$\$	
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EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015

ALLOCATION	[TS Begins...	Percent Allocation
Total Storage		1.0000
Allocate to Firm and SVDF based on sales volume		#DIV/0!
Allocate to All customers Based on Sales Volume		#DIV/0!
	... TS Ends]	

Based on Winter Sales Volumes

	Annual (DT)	Winter (DT)	New Allocation**	Commodity	Total	Change
SV - Firm	106,256,000	75,331,100				
SV - Dual Fuel	11,878,600	8,336,300				
LV - Dual Fuel	4,208,100	2,230,900				
Total	122,342,700	85,898,300				

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** - Firm to Demand - See Exhibit A - NGPL Storage total dollars
 - SVDF Winter only. Billed as Per-Unit commodity adjustment: Exhibits D and E

PER-UNIT RATE

	Annual (DT)	Winter (DT)
SV - Firm	106,256,000	75,331,100
SV - Dual Fuel	11,878,600	8,336,300
LV - Dual Fuel	4,208,100	2,230,900
Total	122,342,700	85,898,300

Annual Bill Impact:	UPC-annual (DT)	UPC-Winter (DT)
Residential	88.10	65.56
Com-A	72.40	57.46
C/I-B	271.40	209.49
C/I-C	1,378.40	962.67
SV-Dual Fuel-A	4,559.00	3,250.00
SV-Dual Fuel-B	16,491.00	10,650.00

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NOTE: Sales volumes: Matches Sales volumes used in the Company's AAA filing - G-008/AA-15-800, Page 11