

Deliberation Outline for Commission Investigation into the Effects on Electric and Natural Gas Utility Rates and Services of the 2017 Federal Tax Act Docket E, G-999/CI-17-895

Decision Alternatives - Xcel Energy Electric

2018 TCJA Refund Amount

1. Approve Xcel's revised refund amount of \$132,964,558. (Xcel, DOC)

Incentive Compensation Refunds

2. Allow Xcel to add refunds related to incentive compensation from docket nos. 17-428 and 18-121 to the 2018 TCJA Refund. (Xcel, DOC)
3. Order Xcel to separately issue refunds related to incentive compensation as soon as possible.
4. Order Xcel to make a compliance filing that provides the anticipated date the incentive compensation refunds will be issued.

2018 Refund Implementation

5. Order Xcel to issue one-time refunds for calendar-year 2018 by May 21, 2019. (Xcel, DOC)

2019 TCJA Refund Amount

6. Approve Xcel's 2019 refund amount of \$105,510,741. (Xcel, DOC)

2019 Use of a Rider

7. Authorize Xcel to, within 60 days of the Commission's Order, implement a 2019 TCJA Refund Rider that captures all 2019 TCJA refunds. (Xcel initial position, slightly modified)
8. Order Xcel to issue 2019 TCJA refunds by using the sales true-up mechanism. (DOC)
9. Take no action.

2019 Base Rates

10. Order Xcel to prospectively reset 2019 base rates by June 1, 2019. (Xcel reply position, DOC does not oppose, Staff)
11. Take no action.



2019 Refund Implementation

12. Order Xcel to issue 2019 one-time refunds by October 21, 2019. (Xcel reply position, DOC does not oppose, Staff)
13. Order Xcel to issue 2019 one-time refunds by a different date.

DOE Ninth Settlement Payment Refund

14. Order Xcel to issue refunds related to the DOE Ninth Settlement Payment at the same time it issues the 2019 TCJA-related refund. (Xcel, DOC does not oppose)
15. Order Xcel not to commingle refunds related to the DOE Ninth Settlement Payment at the same time it issues the 2019 TCJA-related refund.
16. Order that Xcel's handling of refunds related to the DOE Ninth Settlement Payment be determined in Dockets E-002/M-15-1089 and E-002/M-17-828.

Decision Alternatives - Xcel Energy Gas

2018 & 2019 TCJA Refund Amount

17. Approve Xcel's revised annual refund amount of \$5,626,525. (Xcel, DOC)

2018 Refund Implementation

18. Order Xcel to issue one-time refunds for calendar-year 2018 by July 16, 2019. (Xcel, DOC)

2019 TCJA Refund Rider

19. Order Xcel to, within 60 days of the Commission's Order, implement a Rate Reduction Rider that reduces rates prospectively and captures all 2019 TCJA refunds accrued prior to the implementation of the Rate Reduction Rider. (Xcel initial position, slightly modified)
20. Order Xcel to prospectively implement a Rate Reduction Rider within 60 days of the Commission's Order and issue a 2019 TCJA one-time refund for the period of January 1, 2019 through the Rate Reduction Rider's implementation date.
21. Take no action.

2019 Base Rates

22. Order Xcel to prospectively reset 2019 base rates by June 1, 2019. (Xcel reply position)
23. Take no action.

2019 Refund Implementation

24. Order Xcel to issue 2019 one-time refunds for the January 1 to May 31, 2019 time period by December 23, 2019. (Xcel reply position, DOC)
25. Order Xcel to issue 2019 one-time refunds by a different date.

Decision Alternatives – Minnesota Power

26. Approve Minnesota Power's compliance filing, requiring an annual rider to refund \$9,996,852 of excess ADIT, effective January 1, 2019. (MP, Department, Staff)
27. Instruct Minnesota Power to make a compliance filing within 60 days of the Commission's Order confirming that refunds related to the 2018 excess ADIT were completed in March 2019. (MP, Department, Staff)
28. Deny or modify Minnesota Power's request for an annual rider.

Decision Alternatives – Otter Tail Power

29. Reopen the October 30, 2017 Order Approving Compliance Filing and Provisionally Approving Transmission Cost Recovery Rate Rider, Docket No. E-017/GR-15-1033 and:
 - a) Approve OTP's proposed single LGS Class rate design solution to remove the unintended rate designs and incorporate the TCJA rate reduction calculation, or (OTP, DOC revised position)
 - b) Approve OTP's revised rate design proposal presented in its January 3, 2019 Reply Comments, but require OTP to re-allocate the Tax Docket rate changes such that no rate group experiences a rate increase. (DOC initial position)

OR

30. Do not reopen the October 30, 2017 Order Approving Compliance Filing and Provisionally Approving Transmission Cost Recovery Rate Rider, and:
 - a) Require OTP to maintain its compliance filing rate design for the LGS classes and to allocate the Tax Docket rate changes without the LGS Correction as shown in part 2 of Table 1 of its Response to Department Information Request No. 333, included in the Department's March 8, 2019 Response Comments. That is, an across the board 3.8718% rate reduction. (No party recommended this).
31. With the exception of the LGS Class rate design and allocation of Tax Docket rate changes decided above, approve OTP's compliance filing and require OTP to implement the rate changes as soon as practical after the Commission's decision, and to issue the one-time refunds two months after the rate change implementation.

Decision Alternatives – Great Plains Natural Gas

32. Approve Great Plains' compliance filing, requiring a total annual refund of \$395,206 to be made effective by using currently authorized distribution revenues to establish and implement new base rates beginning January 1, 2019 or as soon as practical following the Commission's Order, not to exceed 60 days. (MP, Department, Staff)
33. Approve Great Plains' refund plan to initiate its one-time refund 90 days after the implementation of new base rates. (MP, Department, Staff)
34. Deny or make modifications to Great Plains' compliance filing.

Decision Alternatives – Greater Minnesota Gas Company

35. Approve Greater Minnesota Gas' compliance filing, requiring a one-time refund and an annual adjustment to base rates of \$48,258 using the refund factor of \$0.002684 per CCF as proposed by Greater Minnesota Gas. (MP, Department, Staff)
36. Approve Greater Minnesota Gas' refund plan to initiate its one-time refund following a full billing cycle after receiving Commission approval. (MP, Department, Staff)
37. Deny or make modifications to Greater Minnesota Gas' compliance filing.

Decision Alternatives – General Housekeeping

38. Order all utilities to make a compliance filing within 60 days of completion of each of the following, as applicable: each one-time refund(s), TCJA-related Rider implementation, base rates revisions and implementations, and related rate and tariff book information. If as a result of revised implementation and/or effective dates, any final amounts differ from the ones approved, the compliance filings shall provide calculations and explanations for any such variances. (Staff)