

In the Matter of a Petition by the Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) for Approval of Farm Tap Customer-Owned Fuel Line Replacement Plan, Tariff Amendments, and Deferred Accounting.

Docket No. G011/M-17-409

Commissioner Tuma proposes the following decision option amendments:

5. Approve MERC's proposal to extend the distribution system to farm tap customers within one mile. In addition, authorize MERC to extend its service lines past one mile if the extension is a cost-beneficial continuation of a plan distribution build out or a build out to those within one mile. MERC must show that such an additional extension has a positive cost-benefit analysis. For any additional extension past one mile MERC shall notify: 1) the proposed past one mile customers to be served; 2) Department; and 3) OAG prior to construction of that particular past one mile extension. If there is no objection filed within 30 days of the notice, MERC may proceed with that work beyond one-mile and recover costs under their proposed recovery for projects within one mile. If there is an objection, MERC or any of the other notified parties may seek review before the Commission.