



505 Nicollet Mall
PO Box 59038
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0038

June 11, 2020

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: CenterPoint Energy's 2019 Conservation Improvement Program Status Report & Associated Compliance Filings

Reply Comments

Docket No. G-008/M-20-455

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, ("CenterPoint Energy" or the "Company") respectfully submits the following *Reply Comments* in response to the *Comments*¹ of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("DER Staff") regarding the Company's *2019 Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Financial Incentive Report, Conservation Improvement Program ("CIP") Tracker Report, and Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment ("CCRA") Proposal* ("the *Petition*").² The Company appreciates the time and effort expended by DER Staff in the analysis and review of the *Petition*.

CenterPoint Energy has reviewed the *Comments* and accepts without contention the following recommendations that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"):

- 1) Approve CenterPoint Energy's proposed 2019 DSM financial incentive of \$8,758,401 to be included in the Company's CIP Tracker account no sooner than the issue date of the Commission's *Order* in Docket No. G-008/M-20-455;
- 2) Approve CenterPoint's monthly carrying charge of 0.15%;

¹ See Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources *In the Matter of Natural Gas Conservation Improvement Program 2019 Status Report & Associated Compliance Filings*, Docket No. G008/M-20-455 (June 2, 2020).

² See *CenterPoint Energy's Natural Gas Conservation Improvement Program 2019 Status Report & Associated Compliance Filings*, Docket No. G-008/M-20-455 *et al.*, (May 1, 2020).

Mr. Will Seuffert
Docket No. **G-008/M-20-455**
June 11, 2020
Page 2 of 2

- 3) Approve CenterPoint Energy's 2019 CIP Tracker account, as summarized in the *Comments*, Table 1, resulting in a December 31, 2019 balance of **(\$2,715,768)**;
- 4) Approve a 2020/2021 CCRA of \$0.0591 per Dth, effective October 1, 2020; and
- 5) Approve the Company's approved bill message concerning its CCRA.

Please feel free to contact me at 612-321-4905 or rebekah.billings@centerpointenergy.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Becky Billings

Becky Billings
Regulatory Analyst, Conservation Improvement Program

C: Service List