

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions

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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:30 AM Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * G008/M-16-571 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a

CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

In the Matter of a Request by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Approval of a Change in Demand Units Effective November 1, 2016. (PUC: Bender; DOC: Ryan, Heinen)

Approved.

* G011/M-17-85 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation For Extension of Rule Variances to Recover the Costs of
Financial Instruments Through the Purchased Gas Adjustment. (PUC:
Bender; DOC: Otis)

Approved petition.

* G011/M-16-87 Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
In the Matter of a Petition by Minnesota Energy Resources
Corporation (MERC) for Approval of a Purchased Gas Adjustment
(PGA) Rule Variance to include Kansas Ad Valorem Tax as Storage
Related Cost of Natural Gas Recovery Through its PGA Commodity
Factors.

Should the Commission approve MERC's PGA rules variance request to include its 2009-2014 lump-sum Kansas Ad Valorem taxes as storage related cost of natural gas recovery through its PGA commodity factor from its legacy Interstate Power & Light (IPL) customers? (PUC: **Brill**)

Granted requested variances; approved roll-in; required inclusion

of tax in monthly PGA reports and AAA and PGA true-up reports; and required report.

4. ** G022/S-16-931 Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

In the Matter of the Petition of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. for Approval of 2017 Capital Structure and Permission to Issue Securities.

Should the Commission modify GMG's petition for approval of 2017 capital structure and permission to issue securities as recommended by the Department? (PUC: **Krishnan, Kaml**)

Allowed securities issuance with conditions.

* G008/M-16-486; CenterPoint Energy;

* G002/M-16-493; Xcel Energy;

** G004/M-16-495 Great Plains Natural Gas

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's Evaluation of its 2016 Gas Affordability Program;

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Evaluation of its 2016 Gas Affordability Program;

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas' Evaluation of its 2016 Gas Affordability Program.

CenterPoint & Xcel Issues:

Should the Commission require the Companies to include additional customer arrears and disconnection analysis in future Annual Compliance and Periodic Evaluation Reports?

Great Plains Natural Gas Issues:

Should the Commission approve GPNG's proposed GAP surcharge? Should the Commission require the Company to conduct a full assessment of its current Program enrollment practices and any other changes the Company would like to assess within one year of the Commission's Order in this docket?

Should the Commission require the Company to change its reporting practices based on a ten percent random sample basis to a full population basis and use the pre-Program baseline approach?

Common Issues:

Should the Commission approve the 2016 Evaluations of the Gas Affordability Programs (GAP)?

Should the Commission authorize a three-year extension of the pilot Programs or make the Programs permanent?

Should the Commission require compliance filings within 10 days of the Commission's Order?

Should the Commission authorize the Gas Distribution Companies with GAPs and Interested Parties to reconvene the GAP Utility

5.

Stakeholders Group to discuss if any changes should be made to the current Programs?

What role should interested parties, including the state agencies, have in this group? (PUC: **Schwieger**)

Accepted evaluations; changed reporting methods for GAP; approved surcharge requests; did not change enrollment practices or spending caps; required participation in stakeholder workgroup and report in 12 months; continued GAP without expiration date; required evaluation report by 5-31-19; required submission of revised tariffs.

ADJOURNMENT

- * One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.
- ** Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved. (Ex Parte Rules apply)

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