



**Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
Decisions
PUC Agenda Meeting**

121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Thursday, November 19, 2015

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

ORAL ARGUMENT ITEMS

DELIBERATION ITEMS

DECISION ITEMS

1. * **U999/R-13-24** **All Utilities**
In the Matter of Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Utility Proceeding, Practice, and Procedure, Minnesota Rules Chapter 7829, Excluding Part 7829.2550, Which is Subject to a Separate Pending Rulemaking.

Should the Commission adopt the attached rule amendments? (PUC: **Moseng**)

Rules adopted.

2. ** **P6944/M-15-65** **Lake County**
In the Matter of the Petition of Lake County Minesota dba Lake Connections for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Should the Commission give final approval to Lake County's Petition for ETC designation in Minnesota for the purpose of qualifying for receipt of federal Connect America Funds as part of the FCC's Rural Broadband Experiments? (PUC: **Brion**)

Final Approval Granted.

3. **G008/M-15-414** **CenterPoint Energy**
In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' 2014 Annual Gas Service Quality Report. (PUC: Fournier; DOC: Heinen)

Report accepted; Future service quality report requirements established.

4. * **G022/M-15-851;** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**

G022/M-15-315;
G999/AA-14-580;
G022/AA-14-728

In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas Inc.'s Miscellaneous Tariff Filing in Compliance with the Commission's Order in Docket No. G-022/AA-14-728 and Its Directive in Docket No. G-022/M-15-315; In the Matter of the Application of Greater Minnesota Gas, Incorporated's Gas Affordability Program 2014 Annual Compliance Report;
 In the Matter of the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports and Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-up Filings;
 In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment True-Up Filing.

Should the Commission adopt the Department's October 26, 2015 recommendation (in Docket No. G-022/M-15-851) and (1) acknowledge that GMG complied with the 14-728 and 15-315 Orders; (2) approve the section of GMG's proposed tariff related to the curtailment penalty; and (3) take no action on the section of GMG's proposed tariff related to the Company's Gas Affordability Program tariff? (PUC: Schwieger, Brill; DOC: Byrne)

Found filings in compliance; Approved tariff filing in part.

5. * **G022/M-15-855** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**
 In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval to Change Its Gas Affordability Program.

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Gas's proposed changes to its Gas Affordability Program? (PUC: **Schwieger, Harding**)

Approved proposed changes to GAP; required GAP to operate as pilot project; required filings and updated tariff sheets.

6. ** **G022/D-15-671** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**
 In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Petition for Approval of Its 2015 Depreciation Certification.

Should the Commission approve Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s 2015 depreciation certification? (PUC: **Schwieger, Bender**)

Approved proposed average service lives, salvage rates, annual depreciation rates, and proposed salvage funding; Required next depreciation study by August 1, 2020.

7. ** **G022/M-15-285** **Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.**
 In the Matter of a Petition by Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) for

Approval of Changes in Contract Demand Entitlements for the 2015-2016 Heating Season Supply Plan effective November 1, 2015.

Should the Commission reopen its September 23, 2015 Order based on GMG's October 29, 2015 compliance letter that states the actual number of new GMG customers placed in service as of October 23, 2015 was 766 and the number of additional GMG customer equivalents as of October 23, 2015 was 1,430? (PUC: **Brill**)

Took no action; required monthly progress letter regarding customer count.

8. * **E002/M-15-522;** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
E002/GR-92-1185;
G002/GR-92-1186

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company's Report on the Operation and Performance of its 2014 Incentive Compensation Plan; In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company for Authority to Increase Its Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota;

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company's Gas Utility for Authority to Change Its Schedule of Gas Rates for Retail Customers Within the State of Minnesota.

Should Xcel Energy continue to provide its annual report on its Incentive Compensation Plan in the current, detailed format to satisfy Commission reporting requirements? (PUC: **Morrissey**)

Required annual Incentive Compensation Plan scorecard filings.

9. ** **G002/M-15-194** **Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition for Approval of a Modification to the Natural Gas State Energy Policy (SEP) Tariff Rate, 2015 Project Eligibility, 2015 SEP Adjustment Factor, and 2014 SEP Compliance Filing.

Should the Commission approve the proposed 2015-2016 natural gas SEP Rate Rider rate factor?

Should the Commission approve Xcel's 2014 Annual SEP compliance filing, and its proposed Customer Notice and Tariff update?

Should the Commission require Xcel to develop and submit to the Commission a more refined cost estimate and project plan for implementation of a voluntary carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas program for the emissions avoided as a result of the cast iron main replacement activities included in the SEP within 90 days of the Commission's Order? (PUC: **Dasinger, Morrissey**)

Approved compliance filing, customer notice, proposed gas SEP adjustment factor and tariff; required compliance filing.

The following item will not be heard before 11:00 AM.

10. **** E002/M-13-867 Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**
 In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, for Approval of Its Proposed Community Solar Garden Program.
- Should the Commission approve the compliance tariffs filed by Xcel on October 20, 2015 for its Community Solar Garden (CSG) program? (PUC: **Mackenzie, Bahn**)
- Approved tariffs with modifications.**

ADJOURNMENT

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