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November 10, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Miscellaneous Change—Tariff Revisions Docket No. G022/M-16-___

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Attached hereto, please find Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Miscellaneous Filing containing a tariff revision proposing a change to GMG's General Transportation Service provisions.

Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7829.1300, subp. 2, GMG has served a copy of this filing on the Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division. A summary notice of the filing will be provided to other parties pursuant to Minn. Rules 7825.2840 and 7829.1300, subp. 2. All individuals on the attached service list have been electronically served as appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns or if you require additional information. My direct dial number is (507) 665-8657 and my email address is kanderson@greatermngas.com

Sincerely,

GREATER MINNESOTA GAS, INC.

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson Corporate Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristine Anderson, hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at Le Sueur, Minnesota:

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Miscellaneous Change to Tariff Docket No. G022/M-16-____

filed this 10th day of November, 2016.

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson Kristine A. Anderson, Esq. Corporate Attorney Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Docket No. G022/M-15-____

In the Matter of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.'s Tariff Change

MISCELLANEOUS CHANGE-GENERAL TRANSPORTION SERVICE TRANSITION

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. ("GMG") hereby submits a proposed revision of its existing General Service Transportation Service tariff provisions. This proposal provides a timeline and framework for GMG customers to transfer between general retail service and transportation service

SUMMARY OF FILING

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, Subpart 1, a one-paragraph summary of this filing, sufficient to apprise potentially interested parties of its nature and general content, accompanies this filing.

SERVICE ON REQUIRED AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, Subpart 2, GMG served a copy of this Report on the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7825.2840, GMG served the Summary of Filing and Notice of Availability of Report on all parties reflected on the accompanying Certificate of Service and Service List.

GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule Part 7829.1300, Subpart 3, the following specific content is provided:

A. Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Utility

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. 202 South Main Street P.O. Box 68 Le Sueur, Minnesota 56058

Telephone: (888) 931-3411

B. Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Attorney for Utility

Outside Counsel: Eric F. Swanson

Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A. 225 South Sixth Street, Suite 350 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-4629

Telephone: (612) 604-6400

In-House Counsel: Kristine A. Anderson

Corporate Attorney

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.

202 S. Main Street Le Sueur, MN 56068 Phone: 888-931-3411

C. Date of Filing and Proposed Effective Date of Rate Change

Date Filed: November 10, 2016 Proposed Effective Date: February 1, 2017

D. Statute Controlling Time Frame for Processing Filing

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. is unaware of any specific statute that controls the time frame for processing this filing by the Commission. Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 1, permits a utility to place a rate change into effect subsequent to 60 days' notice to the Commission, unless the rate change is suspended under Minn. Stat. 216B.16, subd. 2. Under Minn. R. 7829.0100, subp. 11, this Petition constitutes a miscellaneous filing because no determination of the Company's general revenue requirements is necessary. Minn. R. 7829.1400, subp. 1, permits initial comments on miscellaneous filings to be made within 30 days of filing and reply comments 10 days thereafter.

E. Utility Employee Responsible for this Filing (and Signature):

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson Kristine A. Anderson, Esq. Corporate Attorney

F. Filing Description, Impact, and Reasons

The filing includes a proposed addition to GMG's general transportation service tariff provisions. It adds a section specifying the timeframe and manner by which customers can transfer from retail service to general transportation service or vice versa.

DISCUSSION

GMG's tariff provides that general transportation service is available to any customer for use of natural gas in all of its service areas. Consequently, a retail customer can, and occasionally has, chosen to switch to becoming a transportation customer. Likewise, transportation customers could opt to transition to retail service. GMG is aware that such a change could impact its own capacity needs and

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contracting. Subsequent to such a transition election being made by one of GMG's customers, GMG reached out to Department staff and Commission staff to discuss the related impact. While GMG was able to control the transition conditions to avoid any impact on current customers, GMG representatives and staff discussed options for establishing a universally applicable framework going forward. All concurred that prudence dictates that specific timeframes and notice provisions be implemented to govern transitions between retail and transportation service such that GMG's ratepayers will not be put at risk of either facing diminished capacity or paying for any unnecessary capacity occasioned by a transition between retail and transportation service. Consequently, GMG committed to proposing a tariff addition to address the situation; and, this submission meets that commitment.

GMG is committed to serving its customers in the best possible way; and, GMG believes that its proposed addition to its tariff advances that principle. Hence, GMG respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed addition to the general transportation service section of its rate book as reflected on the attached proposed tariff sheets.

Dated: November 10, 2016 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kristine A. Anderson Kristine A. Anderson Corporate Attorney Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. 202 S. Main Street Le Sueur, MN 56068

Phone: 888-931-3411

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. St. Peter, Minnesota 56082 Gas Rate Book

General Service Transportation Service Rate Code TR1

Section V

3rd 4th Revised Sheet No.

17

Availability

Available to any customer for use of natural gas service in All Rate Areas.

Applicability and Character of Service

Rate schedule applies to transportation gas service for any Customers who have made arrangements to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to a Company town border station. Company may, at its own option, take title to transportation gas if necessary to arrange interstate pipeline transportation to Company town border station. Service shall be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities.

Therm Adjustment

Customer's consumption in CCF will be adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rate

Facility Fee per Month Rate applicable if customer were served under an existing

rate structure for which customer qualified by rate class and

usage.

Fixed Distribution Charge per CCF Rate applicable if customer were served under an existing

rate structure for which customer qualified by rate class and

usage

Monthly Minimum Charge

Facility Fee plus applicable taxes and any resulting pipeline or supply charges assessed Company and caused by customer's transportation activities.

Late Payment Charge

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided in the General Rules and Regulations, Section VI-2.

Transfer to Transportation Service

Customers may transfer to Transportation Service for the period November 1 through October 31 after giving the Company six months' advance written notice prior to November 1. A transportation customer must maintain transportation service for the entire November through October period. A transportation customer may not return to sales service until the next November 1st and must notify the Company in writing at least six months prior to the transfer. A customer may only transfer to firm sales service if Company is able to arrange adequate additional firm gas entitlements to meet the needs imposed on its system by the customer at terms similar to the Company's existing portfolio without jeopardizing system reliability or increasing costs for its other customers.

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By: Michael L. Jablonske Greg Palmer

President

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Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. St. Peter, Minnesota 56082 Gas Rate Book

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