

August 1, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

> Re: In the Matter Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Petition for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its NNG System

Docket No. G011/M-24-____

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

In accordance with Minnesota Rules 7825.2910, subpart 2, please find enclosed Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's (MERC's or the Company's) request to change demand entitlements for its Northern Natural Gas purchased gas adjustment area. Please note that any updated information will be provided with MERC's November 1, 2023 filing. MERC is also filing Excel and PDF versions of the attachments.

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 3, a Notice of Availability has been sent to all intervenors in the Company's previous two rate cases.

Please contact me at (414) 221-4208 if you have any questions regarding the information in this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

<u>/s/Joylyn Hoffman Malueg</u> Joylyn Hoffman Malueg Senior Project Specialist Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation

Enclosures cc: Service List August 1, 2024

- To: Service List
- RE: Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation-NNG Petition for Approval of Change in Demand Entitlement

Notice of Availability

Please take notice that Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation has filed a petition with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for approval of a change in demand entitlement for its NNG Purchased Gas Adjustment system.

To obtain copies, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Please note that this filing is also available through the eDockets system maintained by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. You can access this document by going to eDockets through the websites of the Department of Commerce or the Public Utilities Commission or going to the eDockets homepage at:

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ATTACHMENT B

STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Katie J. Sieben Hwikwon Ham Valerie Means Joseph K. Sullivan John A. Tuma Chair Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its NNG System Docket No. G011/M-24-____

SUMMARY OF FILING

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2 (Filing Upon Change in Demand),

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation – NNG (MERC or the Company), hereby petitions

the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of changes in demand

entitlements for MERC customers served off of the Northern Natural Gas (NNG) system.

MERC requests the Commission approve the requested changes to be recovered in the

Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) beginning November 1, 2024.

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FILING UPON CHANGE IN DEMAND

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2 (Filing Upon Change in Demand),

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation - NNG (MERC or the Company), a subsidiary of WEC

Energy Group, hereby petitions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for

approval of changes in demand entitlements for MERC-NNG customers served off the Northern

Natural Gas interstate pipeline system.¹ MERC requests the Commission approve the requested

changes to be recovered in the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) beginning November 1, 2024.

This filing includes the following attachments:

Attachment A:	Notice of Availability.
Attachment B:	One paragraph summary of the filing in accordance with Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 1.
Attachment C:	Petition for Change in Demand with Attachments.
Attachment D:	Certificate of Service and Service List.

The following information is provided in accordance with Minn. R. 7829.1300:

¹ MERC also serves certain of its Minnesota customers off of the Viking Gas Transmission, Great Lakes Gas Transmission, and Centra Pipeline systems. MERC requests approval of a demand entitlement change for the 2024-2025 heating season for its MERC-Consolidated PGA in a separate docket.

I. Summary of Filing

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 1, a one-paragraph summary of the filing is attached.

II. Service

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 2, MERC has served a copy of this filing on the

Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources and the Office of the Attorney

General — Residential Utilities Division. The summary of filing has been served on all parties

on the attached service list. Additionally, pursuant to Minn. R. 7825.2910, subp. 3, a Notice of

Availability has been sent to all intervenors in the Company's previous two rate cases.

III. General Filing Information

A. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the Utility

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation 2685 145th Street West Rosemount, MN 55068 (651) 322-8901

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

Kristin M. Stastny Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 2200 IDS Center 80 South 8th Street Minneapolis, MN 55402 KStastny@Taftlaw.com (612) 977-8656

C. Date of the Filing and Proposed Effective Date

Date of filing: August 1, 2024 Proposed Effective Date: November 1, 2024

D. Statute Controlling Schedule for Processing the Filing

Minnesota Statutes and related rules do not provide an explicit time frame for action by

the Commission. Under Minn. R. 7829.1400, initial comments are due within 30 days of filing,

with reply comments due 10 days thereafter.

E. Signature, Electronic Address, and Title of Utility Employee Responsible for the Filing

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If additional information is required, please contact Joylyn Hoffman Malueg at (414)

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DATED: August 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted, MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION

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PETITION OF MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION-NNG FOR CHANGE IN DEMAND

I. Introduction

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2 (Filing Upon Change in Demand),

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation - NNG (MERC or the Company), a subsidiary of WEC

Energy Group, hereby petitions the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for

approval of changes in demand entitlements for MERC-NNG customers served off the Northern

Natural Gas interstate pipeline system. MERC requests the Commission approve the requested

changes to be recovered in the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) beginning November 1, 2024.

Included with this filing are the following Attachments:

<u>Attachment 1</u>: Design-Day Demand Summary <u>Attachment 2</u>: Sales Forecast <u>Attachment 3</u>: Current and Proposed Entitlement Levels <u>Attachment 4</u>: Rate Impact of the Proposed Demand Change Attachment 5: Financial Option Summary Attachment 6: Winter Plan

Attachment 7: Entitlement History

Attachment 8: Change in Entitlement Levels and Related Demand Costs

Attachment 9: Actual Throughput and Design Day Forecast Estimated Throughput

Attachment 10: Customer Counts

Attachment 11: Hedging Summary

Attachment 12: Forecast Methodology

Through this filing, MERC also addresses compliance with the following Commission Orders:

1) the Commission's May 8, 2018, Order in Docket No. G011/M-15-895, which required MERC

to provide a discussion of any capacity substitutions in its annual demand entitlement filings, and

2) Order Points 9 and 10 from the Commission's February 17, 2023 Order in Docket Nos.

G999/CI-21-135 and G011/CI-21-611.²

II. Discussion

A. MERC's NNG Design-Day Requirements

Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2(b) requires that a filing upon change in demand include the utility's Design-Day demand by customer class and the change in Design-Day demand, if any, necessitating the demand revision. The NNG Design-Day requirement has slightly decreased by 765 dekatherms (dth), or 0.26%, from the April 2, 2024 filing of the 2023-2024 heating season.

² Order Point 9 requires discussion of how changes to pipeline capacity affects the Company's supply diversity, and if pipeline capacity comes at a cost premium but increases supply diversity, provide a meaningful cost/benefit discussion of the tradeoff, including a comparison with the least-cost capacity option. Order Point 10 requires MERC to include in its relevant, annual forward-looking gas planning or hedging filings: A) its expected supply mix across different load and weather conditions throughout each month of the upcoming winter season, B) the forecasted minimum, average, and maximum day load requirements, and C) the expected mix of baseload, storage, and spot supply on those days.

Reserve Margin Reserve Margin 2024-2025 2023-2024 Heating Season Heating Season Change	or the 2024-2025 H	NG Reserve Margins eating Season	•
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For the Demand Entitlement filing effective November 1, 2024, the total Design-Day requirement for MERC NNG is 290,169 dth (Attachment 1). The difference between the total Design-Day requirement and total Design-Day capacity results in a 10.36% reserve margin (Attachment 3). As required by Order Point 9 of the Commission's Order in Docket No. G011/M-15-723, Attachment 3 reflects the separate summer and winter demand entitlements for MERC-NNG.

B. Gas Supply

Minnesota Rule 7825.2910, subpart 2, requires a description of Design-Day gas supply from all sources under the new level, allocation, or form of demand. This information is provided in Attachment 3.

C. Forecast Methodology for MERC Demand Entitlement November 1, 2024

See Attachment 12. As discussed in Attachment 12, MERC's 2024-2025 Design-Day Regression analysis utilizes daily telemetry data for all of the MERC-NNG customers.

III. Additional Filing Requirements

A. Daily Design-Day Estimate to Actual Comparison

In the 2007-2008 demand entitlement dockets,³ MERC agreed to include a daily estimate utilizing the Design-Day model, which is calculated in Attachment 9. The daily

³ Docket Nos. G007/M-07-1402; G007/M-07-1403; G007/M-07-1404; and G007/M-07-1405.

estimate is compared to actual consumption. The actual volumes are total throughput which includes interruptible and transportation volumes that are located behind MERC citygates. The Design-Day model only calculates firm volumes. MERC does not forecast on a daily/monthly basis utilizing the Design-Day model. The Design-Day model is utilized to calculate the theoretical peak day.

B. Average Customer Counts

In the 2007-2008 demand entitlement dockets, MERC agreed to include average customer counts which are provided in Attachment 10.

C. Balancing

Order Point 4 of the Commission's January 21, 2015, Order in MERC's 2010-2011 demand entitlement dockets, Docket Nos. G007/M-10-1166; G007/M-10-1167; G011/M-10-1168; and G011/M-10-1169, required that in future demand entitlement filings MERC provide a clarification of its statements regarding system balancing and detailed evidence assuring the Commission that the appropriate customer group is paying for any balancing charges or penalties. Additionally, in Docket No. G-999/AA-12-756, by Order dated November 14, 2013, the Commission ordered that "prospectively, all regulated natural gas utilities shall recover balancing service costs, and shall credit the utility's penalty revenues and the pipeline's revenue credits, to the commodity portion of the PGA effective with the earliest true-up filing (for revenues) or the earliest monthly PGA (for costs) that can reasonably be implemented."

MERC subsequently revised its monthly PGA filings, beginning November 2013, to recover all balancing costs via the commodity portion of the PGA. MERC's 2014 AAA and trueup filings, as well as the 2014 Demand Entitlement filing, also reflected this change. The current MERC-NNG demand entitlement filing includes detailed evidence of the allocation of balancing costs to the commodity portion of the PGA in Attachment 4, page 2 of 2.

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D. MERC's Proposed NNG System Demand-Related Changes

There are two types of demand entitlement changes. The first type is Design-Day Deliverability, which quantifies the amount of firm transportation and storage capacity available to MERC's NNG customers during winter peak periods. The second type does not affect Design-Day Deliverability levels, but alters the capacity portfolio and the PGA costs recovered from customers.

1. Design-Day Deliverability Changes

As shown in Attachment 3, MERC-NNG's net Design-Day Deliverability is unchanged from 2023-2024.⁴

The Commission's February 17, 2023 Order in Docket Nos. G-999/CI-21-135 and G-011/CI-21-611 Requiring Actions to Mitigate Impacts from Future Natural Gas Price Spikes, Setting Filing Requirements, and Initiating a Proceeding to Establish Gas Resource Planning Requirements, requires in Order Point 9 that MERC discuss how changes to pipeline capacity affects the Company's supply diversity, and if pipeline capacity comes at a cost premium but increases supply diversity, provide a meaningful cost/benefit discussion of the tradeoff, including a comparison with the least-cost capacity option. The NNG Ventura North Generally Available Open Season only allowed for Ventura as the receipt location, while the NNG West Leg Generally Available Open Season only allowed for NBPL/NNG Welcome as the receipt location, therefore there were no other available options presented when bidding into the Open Season.

2. Other Demand Entitlement Changes

MERC-NNG contract 112495 has a base and a variable component as outlined in the NNG's tariffs as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The base and variable components are set each year as a result of MERC's use of contract 112495

⁴ Docket No. G011/M-24-155, In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Petition for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its NNG System (Jul. 16, 2024).

during the May – September period, which is driven by customer load. The variable component of this contract increased by 2,939 dth/day, with a corresponding decrease in the base component. This change does not result in an increase or decrease in demand entitlement levels. Additionally, there was a reduction of \$10,082 in the annual costs for MERC-NBPL contract 101251 due to the calendar year in this 2024-2025 demand entitlement filing no longer containing an extra day due to the leap year.

E. Financial Option Units and Premiums

MERC has started its purchases of future contracts and call options for the 2024-2025 winter period. Financial hedge volumes and costs are shown in Attachments 5 and 11 (page 1 and 3). The physical forward start and call option premium costs additionally flow through the spreadsheet in Attachment 4, pages 1 and 2, and in Attachment 8.

In accordance with the Commission's April 9, 2021, Order in Docket No. G011/M-20-833 approving MERC's variance extension request to recover the costs of financial instruments through the PGA, MERC provides the following information:

- a list of all financial instruments purchased for the upcoming heating season (see Attachment 11);
- ii. the cost premium associated with each contract (see Attachment 5);
- iii. the size (in dth) of each contract (see Attachments 5 and 11);
- iv. the contract date (see Attachment 5);
- v. the contract price (see Attachment 11);
- vi. an attachment that details the projected total system sales estimates for the upcoming heating season, including all supporting data and assumptions used when calculating the sales forecast, and the total number of volumes hedged using financial instruments for the upcoming heating season (see Attachment 2 and Attachment 6, page 1 of 2); and

vii. a detailed discussion of the anticipated benefits to ratepayers related to MERC's financial instrument contracts, discussed below.

The NNG 2024-2025 Winter Portfolio Hedging Plans - Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for gas supply purchases is shown in Attachment 6. MERC's hedging strategy covers 60% of normal winter volumes; 30% through physical storage; and 30% through financial instruments (10% futures and 20% options). The weighted average price of currently purchased futures contracts of natural gas for the 2024-2025 winter is \$3.6461/dth. Please see Attachment 11, page 1 of 3. As shown in Attachment 11, page 2 of 3, MERC projects the NNG storage WACOG to be \$2.4906/dth, which is well under last winter's WACOG. While MERC still continues with its strategy to purchase call options around a \$0.10/dth premium, the overall gas market volatility has continued to push the strike price of the purchased call options up to an average of \$7.1686/dth. Both the futures and option strike prices are up slightly from winter 2023-24. If the NYMEX contract(s) settle above that price, the options are exercised and the MERC customer gas cost is capped at the average strike price. Please see Attachment 11, page 3 of 3. The remaining winter volumes are purchased at index or market prices. All numbers reflected are natural gas costs only and do not include any transportation, storage, hedge premium, or margin costs.

The Commission's February 17, 2023 Order in Docket Nos. G-999/CI-21-135 and G-011/CI-21-611 Requiring Actions to Mitigate Impacts from Future Natural Gas Price Spikes, Setting Filing Requirements, and Initiating a Proceeding to Establish Gas Resource Planning Requirements, requires in Order Point 10 that MERC includes in its relevant, annual forwardlooking gas planning or hedging filings: A) its expected supply mix across different load and weather conditions throughout each month of the upcoming winter season, B) the forecasted minimum, average, and maximum day load requirements, and C) the expected mix of baseload, storage, and spot supply on those days. Attachment 6, page 3, provides this information for the

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November 2024 through March 2025 period. All load estimates are based on the previous three years observed data, except for the December through February months, in which the Design Day (i.e. Peak Day) was used to represent the maximum load. While three years of historical data provide a reasonable estimate, conditions can deviate and provide load requirements different from those in the past.

F. PGA Cost Recovery

MERC proposes to begin recovering the costs associated with the change in demandrelated costs in its monthly PGA effective November 1, 2024. Rate impacts associated with this change can be found on Attachment 4, page 1.

G. Impacts of Telemetry

Throughout the course of the year, a number of customers request to switch from interruptible to firm service. MERC evaluates these requests to determine the impact to its system and upstream entitlement levels. MERC's process requires an evaluation of the system capability before a customer is allowed to switch to firm. As a result, the firm volumes associated with a customer switch fall within the Design-Day parameters and do not impact demand entitlement levels.

H. Rochester Project Compliance

The Commission's May 8, 2018, Order in Docket No. G011/M-15-895 required MERC to provide a detailed discussion of each capacity substitution in its annual demand entitlement filings on a going-forward basis.⁵

⁵ The Commission's May 8, 2018, Order in Docket No. G011/M-15-895 also required MERC to provide semi-annual updates in Docket No. G011/M-15-895 explaining what, if any, capacity-release-related activity occurred during the previous six months (e.g., when capacity release was offered, amount accepted, prices). The Company has been released from that semi-annual compliance requirement via the Commission's November 14, 2023 Order Accepting Agreement Setting Rates and Updating Base Cost of Gas in Docket No. G011/GR-22-504.

As discussed in Docket No. G011/M-19-496, the second tranche of additional capacity resulting from the NNG upgrades related to the Rochester Project approved in Docket No. G011/M-15-895 became available on November 1, 2019. This additional capacity is included for recovery through the commodity portion of the PGA, in accordance with the Commission's May 5, 2017, Order Approving Rochester Project and Granting Rider Recovery with Conditions.

For the 2024-2025 heating season, MERC has calculated a reserve margin of 10.36%. As a result, MERC has taken action as laid out in the Capacity Release Plan filed on August 31, 2017, and approved by the Commission by Order dated May 8, 2018.

With respect to capacity substitutions related to the additional Rochester Project capacity, as discussed in MERC's August 31, 2017, Capacity Release Plan, MERC received Commission approval to expand its service into the communities of Balaton and Esko (Docket Nos. G011/M-16-654 and G011/M-16-655, respectively). The capacity created by the Rochester Project has allowed MERC to absorb this additional firm sales load (estimated peak load of approximately 2,500 dth/day) without paying for additional pipeline investments. Additionally, in Docket No. G011/M-18-460, MERC received Commission approval, by order dated March 29, 2019, to extend service into Pengilly. MERC completed the Pengilly New Area Extension project in November 2019 and has been able to utilize existing capacity to serve the new customers in the Pengilly project area as well. No additional capacity substitutions have occurred. MERC will provide updates on future capacity substitutions in future Demand Entitlement filings and updates.

IV. MERC-NNG Future Capacity Outlook

As discussed in MERC's November, 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024 updates in the 2023-2024 Demand Entitlement filing, MERC has continuously identified decreased reserve margins within different operating areas of the MERC-NNG system. While MERC-NNG has a surplus of

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15,565 dth/day at a Total System level⁶ through 2024-2025, there are operating areas of MERC-NNG that have excess capacity, such as the Rochester area, but other operating areas that are very short on capacity, such as the MERC gates in the NNG Farmington area. The Rochester and NNG Farmington area have different laterals on the NNG system and are therefore not integrated. Since they are not served by the same NNG lateral, utilizing the excess Rochester capacity to serve the NNG Farmington area is not an operationally viable solution, nor allowed by NNG, for serving the Farmington area.

MERC's 10-year forecasted Peak (and Reserve) for the MERC-NNG Total System level as well as the operating area and gate station level, indicates system capacity shortages, with the NNG Farmington region being the bulk of the system shortage. On both an operating area and gate station level, and a MERC-NNG Total System level, MERC becomes short of its Peak + Reserve within the next 10 years.

Given MERC's focused efforts on ensuring reliability, MERC is looking at potential ways to meet the upcoming demand needs in the Farmington and Worthington areas. NNG has informed MERC that they do not have either discounted capacity, or the ability to realign capacity from other areas of the MERC system to the Farmington or Worthington areas. MERC expressed interest in NNG's 2025 Northern Lights Open Season, which would go in service November 1, 2025. As part of the 2025 Northern Lights Open Season process, NNG provided MERC a non-binding cost estimate to expand its system to meet the Company's needs in the NNG Farmington area. NNG's cost estimate was a \$250 million commitment for a 20 year contract, which equates to an annual increase of \$12 million to the MERC-NNG demand costs.

As an alternative to an NNG expansion, MERC has investigated connections with another pipeline but there are no other interstate pipeline alternatives that are locationally

⁶ As shown on Attachment 3, Capacity Surplus/Shortage to Design Day + 5% Reserve (Heating Season).

viable, or that have open capacity to deliver to MERC's system in the Farmington or Worthington area. MERC is also analyzing the potential ability for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) peaking service in the Farmington area as well. MERC will continue to provide the Commission with updates on its efforts.

V. Conclusion

MERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the requested changes to be recovered in the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) beginning November 1, 2024.

DATED: August 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION

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MINNESOTA E	ENERGY RESOU	RCES - N	ING
DESIG	N-DAY DEMAND SUMM NOVEMBER 1, 2024	ARY	
[NNG]	
Design Day Requirement			290,169
Total Peak Day Entitlement			320,242
2023/24 Firm Peak Day Actual	Sendout	1/15/2024	230,551
Firm Annual Throughput - Minn	nesota		25,743,791
No. of Firm Customers			212,522
Department Load Factor Calcu	lation		30.59%

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation 2024-2025 Demand Entitlement MERC-NNG August 1, 2024

Attachment 1

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

NNG MINNESOTA DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

NNG

Pipeline	2023/24	Zone Total	1/20	Regressi	on Factors	Regression	Regression	1/20 Requirements	Firm/Interrupt.	
Group	Customer	Customer	Design	Intercept	Slope	Total	Adjustment	Regression Load	Contract	Total
	Count	Count	DDD						Demand Units	

						PEAK				
NNG	212,522	212,522	99	6,411	2,390	280,554	9,560	290,114	55	290,169

					(OFF PEAK				
NNG	212,522	212,522	55	6,411	2,390	158,314	9,560	167,874	55	167,929

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG DESIGN-DAY DEMAND PER CUSTOMER NOVEMBER 1, 2024 NNG No. of MMBtu Design Heating Firm Day /Customer **Customers Requirements** <u>Season</u> /Day 24/25 212,522 290,169 1.37 23/24 209,362 290,934 1.39 22/23 1.40 208,405 291,250 21/22 282,710 1.37 206,351 20/21 204,781 280,796 1.37 19/20 201,190 277,376 1.38 18/19 198,628 273,842 1.38 17/18 197,991 267,783 1.35 1.34 16/17195,311 262,324 1.35 15/16 192,016 259,076 14/15 1.45 189,078 273,917 13/14 189,254 1.37 258,913 12/13 187,545 239,325 1.28 11/12 185,890 247,982 1.33

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG SUMMER/WINTER USAGE - Dth PROJECTED 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 2025 NNG Summer Winter Class Apr-Oct Nov-Mar Total

GS Interruptible	6,627,384 770,402	19,108,988 1,089,367	25,736,372 1,859,770
Firm/Interruptible	3,378	4,042	7,420
Total	7,401,164	20,202,397	27,603,561

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation 2024-2025 Demand Entitlement MERC-NNG August 1, 2024

Attachment 3

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

ENTITLEMENT LEVELS NOVEMBER 1, 2024

NNG

		Summer		A	pril/Octob	er		Winter	
	2023-24	Change	Proposed	2023-24	Change	Proposed	2023-24	Change	Proposed
Capacity Type	MMBtu	<u>MMBtu</u>	<u>MMBtu</u>	MMBtu	<u>MMBtu</u>	<u>MMBtu</u>	<u>MMBtu</u>	MMBtu	<u>MMBtu</u>
TF-12 Base & Variable	84,116	0	84,116	84,116	0	84,116	84,116	0	84,116
TF5	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,275	0	36,275
TFX - 12	91,815	0	91,815	91,815	0	91,815	91,815	0	91,815
TFX - 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	104,501	0	104,501
TFX- (Apr/Oct) Offpeak*	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
NBPL	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Northwest Gas (Windom)	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500
Northwestern Energy (Ortonville)	1,035	0	1,035	1,035	0	1,035	1,035	0	1,035
NNG Zone Delivery Call Option	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	179,466	0	179,466	181,466	0	181,466	320,242	0	320,242
Heating Season Forecasted Design Day-Adjusted Forecasted Design Day + 5% Reserve							290,934 305,481	(765)	290,169 304,677
Forecasted Design Day (Non-Heating Sea	ason)			167,204	725	167,929			
Capacity Surplus/Shortage to Design Day Capacity Surplus/Shortage to Design Day			ng Season)				29,308 14,761	765	30,073 15,565
Non-Heating Season Capacity Surplus/Shortage				14,262	(725)	13,537			
*Not included in Heating Season Total ent	itlement								
Reserve Margin				8.53%	-0.47%	8.06%	10.07%	0.29%	10.36%

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		NOV	EMBER 1, 202 G	4				
All costs in	Base	Demand	Most	Proposed	F	Result of Propo	sed Change	
\$/Dth	Cost of Gas G011/MR-22-505 Mar 1, 2024	Charge Demand Filing Apr 1, 2024	Recent PGA Jul 1, 2024	Effective	Change from Last Rate Case	Change from Apr 1, 2024 Demand Filing	Change from Last PGA %	Change from Last PGA \$
1) Conorol Service Residential		86	Dth					
1) General Service Residential		86	-	#0 5504	(\$0.0005)	(\$4,5000)	0.049/	(00.010)
Commodity Cost	\$5.5426	\$4.1220	\$2.5755	\$2.5591	(\$2.9835)	(\$1.5629)	-0.64% 1.87%	(\$0.0164
Demand Cost	\$1.0107	\$1.2580	\$1.2580	\$1.2815	\$0.2708	\$0.0235		\$0.0235
Commodity Margin Total Cost of Gas	\$3.2919 \$9.8452	\$3.2919 \$8.6719	\$3.2919 \$7.1254	\$3.2919 \$7.1325	\$0.0000 (\$2,7127)	\$0.0000 (\$1.5394)	0.00% 0.10%	\$0.0000 \$0.0071
Avg Annual Cost	\$9.8452 \$842.75	\$742.31	\$7.1254 \$609.93	\$7.1325 \$610.54	(\$2.7127) (\$232.21)	(\$131.77)	0.10%	\$0.0071
	t change on average annual bills		4009.93	φ010.54	(9232.21)	(0131.77)	0.10%	(\$1.40)
Effect of proposed demand ch								\$2.01
2) Small C&I Firm, Class 2: Avg	Annual Use	781	Dth					
Commodity Cost	\$5.5426	\$4.1220	\$2.5755	\$2.5591	(\$2.9835)	(\$1.5629)	-0.64%	(\$0.0164)
Demand Cost	\$1.0107	\$1.2580	\$1.2580	\$1.2815	\$0.2708	\$0.0235	1.87%	\$0.0235
Commodity Margin	\$2.5030	\$2.5030	\$2.2389	\$2.2389	(\$0.2641)	(\$0.2641)	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$9.0563	\$7.8830	\$6.0724	\$6.0795	(\$2.9768)	(\$1.8035)	0.12%	\$0.0071
Avg Annual Cost	\$7,072.97	\$6,156.62	\$4,742.54	\$4,748.09	(\$2,324.88)	(\$1,408.53)	0.12%	\$5.55
	change on average annual bills		+ .) <u> </u>	• ., • .• •	(+=,==	(+.,)		(\$12.81)
Effect of proposed demand ch								\$18.35
3) Large C&I Firm Class 3: Avg	. Annual Use:	15,986	Dth					
Commodity Cost	\$5.5426	\$4.1220	\$2.5755	\$2.5591	(\$2.9835)	(\$1.5629)	-0.64%	(\$0.0164)
Demand Cost	\$1.0107	\$1.2580	\$1.2580	\$1.2815	\$0.2708	\$0.0235	1.87%	\$0.0235
Commodity Margin	\$1.6890	\$1.6890	\$1.6540	\$1.6540	(\$0.0350)	(\$0.0350)	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$8.2423	\$7.0690	\$5.4875	\$5.4946	(\$2.7477)	(\$1.5744)	0.13%	\$0.0071
Avg Annual Cost	\$131,763.88	\$113,007.15	\$87,724.82	\$87,838.32	(\$43,925.56)	(\$25,168.83)	0.13%	\$113.50
Effect of proposed commodity	change on average annual bills							(\$262.18)
Effect of proposed demand ch	nange on average annual bills:							\$375.68
4) Small C&I Interruptible, Cl	ass 2: Avg. Annual Use:	4,110	Dth					
Commodity Cost	\$5.5426	\$4.1220	\$2.5755	\$2.5591	(\$2.9835)	(\$1.5629)	-0.64%	(\$0.0164)
Commodity Margin	\$1.5047	\$1.5047	\$1.3884	\$1.3884	(\$0.1163)	(\$0.1163)	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$7.0473	\$5.6267	\$3.9639	\$3.9475	(\$3.0998)	(\$1.6792)	-0.41%	(\$0.0164)
Avg Annual Cost	\$28,962.29	\$23,124.05	\$16,290.44	\$16,223.04	(\$12,739.25)	(\$6,901.01)	-0.41%	(\$67.40)
Effect of proposed commodity	change on average annual bills							(\$67.40)
5) Large C&I Interruptible, Clas	ss 3: Avg. Annual Use:	22,091	Dth					
Commodity Cost	\$5.5426	\$4.1220	\$2.5755	\$2.5591	(\$2.9835)	(\$1.5629)	-0.64%	(\$0.0164)
Commodity Margin	\$1.2058	\$1.2058	\$1.2555	\$1.2555	\$0.0497	\$0.0497	0.00%	\$0.0000
Total Cost of Gas	\$6.7484	\$5.3278	\$3.8310	\$3.8146	(\$2.9338)	(\$1.5132)	-0.43%	(\$0.0164)
Avg Annual Cost	\$149,080.93	\$117,698.03	\$84,631.77	\$84,269.47	(\$64,811.46)	(\$33,428.56)	-0.43%	(\$362.30)
Effect of proposed commodity	r change on average annual bills							(\$362.30)
Note: Average Annual Use b Note: Rates do not include t	based on 2023 MERC Gas Rate the ACA adjustment.	Design in Dock	et GR-22-504					

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG RATE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEMAND CHANGE NOVEMBER 1, 2024

			L	NNG						
NORTHER	N NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S	RATES CURRENT C	OST OF GAS EFFECT	IVE:		L	01-Nov-24			
		Contract #(s)	Tariff-Summer (7 mths)	Tariff-Winter (5 mths)	r	Wt. Annual	GRI	Total		
	TF-12B	112495		(5 mtns) \$ 17.417	70	\$12.9014	\$0.0000	\$12.9014		
	TF-12B Rochester Capped	112495	\$ 5.6830 \$ \$ 5.6830 \$			\$7.5776	\$0.0000	\$7.5776 \$9.0926		
	TF-12V Rochester Capped TF-12V	112495 112495	\$ 5.6830 \$ \$ 9.6760 \$			\$9.0926 \$15.4814	\$0.0000 \$0.0000	\$15.4814		
	TF-5	112495	\$ - 5	\$ 25.799	90	\$25.7990	\$0.0000	\$25.7990		
	TF-5 Rochester Capped TFX ¹	112495 112486/141673/1429		\$		\$15.1530 \$16.3939	\$0.0000 \$0.0000	\$15.1530 \$16.3939		
	TFX Rochester Capped	112486	\$ 5.6830			\$9.6288	\$0.0000	\$9.6288		
	TFX-5	112486		\$ 25.799		\$25.7990	\$0.0000	\$25.7990		
	TFX-5 Rochester Capped TFX Rochester	112486 112486	\$ - 5 \$ 37.1175 5	\$		\$15.1530 \$37.1175	\$0.0000 \$0.0000	\$15.1530 \$37.1175		
	TFX Rochester II	112486	\$ 10.7714 \$	\$ 10.771	14	\$10.7714	\$0.0000	\$10.7714		
	TFX - Discount TFX - Discount	111866 111866	\$ 2.2192 \$ \$ 4.8640 \$			\$7.6025 \$4.8640	\$0.0000 \$0.0000	\$7.6025 \$4.8640		
	TFX - Discount Gas Cost	111866	\$ 5.4720 \$			\$5.4720	\$0.0000	\$5.4720 \$1.6683	(Dala	
ANNUAL	SALES As approved in Docke	et No. G011/MR-22-505						¢1.0000 /		
	Total MERC NNG Annual Sa	ales						280,960,833		
	Total MERC NNG Firm Sale	s						258,811,603		
MERC-NNG	G'S CURRENT COST OF GAS E	FFECTIVE:	01-Nov-24							
			Monthly Entitlements			Rate		Contract	Total MERC NNG	
	TE(00.04)	Contract #(s)	(Dth)	Months		\$/Dth		Costs	Firm Sales	Rate/Therm
NNG-GS	TF12B (Max Rate) Winter TF12B (Max Rate) Summer	112495 112495	23,137 23,137	5 7	\$ \$	17.4170 9.6760	=	\$2,014,886 \$1,567,115	258,811,603 258,811,603	\$ 0.007 \$ 0.006
	TF12B (Max Rate) Summer TF12V (Max Rate)	112495	44,913	12	э \$	15.4814	=	\$8,343,793	258,811,603	\$ 0.000
	TF5 (Max Rate)	112495	16,183	5	\$	25.7990	=	\$2,087,526	258,811,603	\$ 0.008
	TF5 (Rochester Capped) TF12B (Rochester Capped)	112495 112495	20,092 11,574	5 12	\$ \$	15.1530 7.5776	=	\$1,522,270 \$1,052,438	258,811,603 258,811,603	\$ 0.005 \$ 0.004
	TF12V (Rochester Capped)	112495	4,492	12	\$	9.0926	=	\$490,128	258,811,603	\$ 0.001
	TFX12 (Max Rate) TFX Apr (Max Rate)	112486 112486	8,750 2,000	12 1	\$ \$	16.3939 9.6760	=	\$1,721,360 \$19,352	258,811,603 258,811,603	\$ 0.000 \$ 0.000
	TFX Oct (Max Rate)	112486	2,000	1	\$	9.6760	-	\$19,352	258,811,603	\$ 0.000
	TFX (Rochester Capped)	112486	2,072	12	\$	9.6288	=	\$239,410	258,811,603	\$ 0.000
	TFX5 (Max Rate) TFX5 (Rochester Capped)	112486 112486	62,549 16,939	5 5	\$ \$	25.7990 15.1530	-	\$8,068,508 \$1,283,383	258,811,603 258,811,603	
	TFX12 (Discount)	111866	1,283	12	\$	4.8640	=	\$74,886	258,811,603	
	TFX12 (Discount)	111866	8,271	12	\$	5.4720	=	\$543,107	258,811,603	
	TFX12 (Discount) TFX5 (Discount)	111866 111866	11,921 379	12 5	\$ \$	7.6025 4.8640	-	\$1,087,553 \$9,217	258,811,603 258,811,603	
	TFX5 (Discount)	111866	2,445	5	\$	5.4720	=	\$66,895	258,811,603	\$ 0.000
	TFX5 (Discount) TFX (Max Rate)	111866 141673/142983	22,189 6,486	5 12	\$ \$	15.1392 16.3939	=	\$1,679,619 \$1,275,970		\$ 0.000 \$ 0.004
	Windom	141073/142903	2,500	12	\$	-	-	\$1,273,970		\$ 0.004
	Northwestern Energy Total Demand Cost		1,035	12	\$	8.0000		\$99,360 \$33,166,769	258,811,603	\$ 0.000 \$ 0.128
	NNG-GS Demand Current C NNG-GS Commodity Curren Total NNG-GS Current Cost	nt Cost of Gas/therm								\$ 0.128 \$ 0.255 \$ 0.384
2. NNG - Gei	neral Service, Interruptible, Fin	m/Interruptible - Comn	nodity							
	·····, ·····,		Monthly Entitlement			Rate		Contract	Total MERC NNG	Rate
		Contract #(s)	(Dth)	Months		(\$/Dth)		Costs	Annual Sales	(\$/therm)
	FDD - Reservation	118657	107,524	12	\$	3.2345	=	\$4,173,437	280,960,833	\$ 0.014
	FDD - Storage Cycle FDD - Reservation	118657 118657	1,239,864 5,550	5 12	\$ \$	0.6731 3.2758	=	\$4,172,763 \$218,168	280,960,833 280,960,833	\$ 0.014 \$ 0.000
	FDD - Storage Cycle	118657	64,000	5	\$	0.6818	=	\$218,176	280,960,833	\$ 0.000
	FDD - Reservation	open	0	0	\$ ¢	-	-	\$0 \$0	280,960,833	
	FDD - Storage Cycle FDD - Reservation	open	0	0	\$ \$	-	=	\$0 \$0	280,960,833 280,960,833	\$ \$
	FDD - Storage Cycle	open	0	0	\$	-	=	\$0	280,960,833	\$
Docket No.	(a) Firm Deferred Delivery S G-007/M-07-1402-05 dated Aug		nand charges will be all	ocated throug	h the	commodity charge	e effective 11/1/2	\$8,782,544 014.		\$ 0.031
			Monthly						Total MERC	
		Contract #(s)	Entitlement (Dth)	Months		Rate (\$/Dth)		Contract Costs	NNG Annual Sales	Rate (\$/therm)
	NBPL	101251	50,000	12	\$	6.1230	=	\$3,673,800	280,960,833	
	TFX12 (Rochester)	112486	10,500	12	\$	37.1175 10.7714	=	\$4,676,805	280,960,833 280,960,833	\$ 0.016
	TFX12 (Rochester II) TFX12 (SE MN Expansion)	112486 112486	34,500 8,032	12 12	\$ \$	10.7714 16.3939	=	\$4,459,360 \$1,580,110		\$ 0.015 \$ 0.005
	(b) Delivery Contracts to be G-011/M-15-895 dated May 5, 2			ester and SE	MN =	xpansion is via or	mmodity	\$14,390,074		\$ 0.051
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				Annual			D-1-	Commentation	Rate Case	
				Sales (Dth)			Rate (\$/Dth)	Commodity Cost	Sales (therm)	Rate (\$/therm)
	(c) Remaining Costs to be Recovered via Commo	dity	Commodity	28,096,08	33	х	\$1.6683	\$46,872,696	280,960,833	\$ 0.166
	Recovered via Commo	uity	Balancing Service	272,16	60	x	\$4.2550	\$1,158,041	280,960,833	\$ 0.00
			Physical Forward Or	art Promium				CEEF 750	280.060.920	¢ 0.00
			Physical Forward Sta	an rremium				\$555,750	280,960,833	\$ 0.00
			Call Option Premium	1				\$139,949	280,960,833	\$ 0.00
	(d) NNG-General Service	terruntible Firm/Inter-	untible: Total Commo	dity Current	Cont	of Gas/thorm	-	\$71,800,052		\$ 0.25
	(d) NNG-General Service, Ir (I.e. Sum of Costs from)			dity Current	Cost	of Gas/therm	_	\$71,899,053		

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

Financial Options

Heating Season 2024-2025

Units	- Ga			r Package	s (P									_				_						
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Prem	ium -	Gas Da	ily Pe	aker (Mor	nthly	Cost)																		
		Nov	/emb	er		Dec	ember			J	anuar	y		Fe	bruary				March				Total	
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1	0	5/23/24		1,955	0	5/22/24		2,667	05	/20/24		2,445	0	5/17/24		3,071	0	5/15/24		1,919		362,585		
2	0	6/24/24		1,676	0	6/18/24		2,401	05	/20/24		272	0	6/07/24		2,457	0	6/03/24		1,919		261,398		
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2	0	6/03/24		3,592	0	6/07/24		4,811	05	/22/24		2,967	0	6/18/24		5,483	0	6/24/24		3,839		621,418		
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Units - Collar Floor (put)

Units - Gas Daily Peaker Packages (Physical)

No Puts were purchased.

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation 2024-2025 Demand Entitlement MERC-NNG August 1, 2024

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

24/25 Winter Portfolio Plan - NNG MERC Hedging Plan

		No	ov-24	De	ec-24	Ja	n-25	Fel	o-25	Ma	ar-25		Total	Percent
	Purchase	Number	Contract	Number	Contract	Number	Contract	Number	Contract	Number	Contract	Number	Contract	of
System	Month	Contracts	Volume	Contracts	Volume	Contracts	Volume	Contracts	Volume	Contracts	Volume	Contracts	Volume	Requiremen
MN Requirements			3,156,840		4,375,717		4,879,197		4,356,573		3,434,070		20,202,397	20,202,397
Daily Average			105,228		141,152		157,393		155,592		110,776		133,791	
10%	Futures		315,684		437,572		487,920		435,657		343,407		2,020,240	
20%	Call		631,368		875,143		975,839		871,315		686,814		4,040,479	
30%	Storage		947,052		1,312,715		1,463,759		1,306,972		1,030,221		6,060,719	
40%	Index		1,262,736		1,750,287		1,951,679		1,742,629		1,373,628		8,080,959	
Futures			, - ,		,, -		, ,		, ,		,,		-,	
Contracts	May-24	6	60.000	8	80,000	8	80.000	8	80.000	6	60.000	36	360.000	
oonnaada	Jun-24	5	50.000	7	70,000	8	80,000	7	70,000	6	60,000	33	330,000	
	Jul-24	5	50.000	7	70,000	8	80,000	7	70,000	6	60,000	33	330,000	
	Aug-24	5	50.000	7	70,000	8	80,000	7	70,000	6	60,000	33	330,000	
	Sep-24	5	50,000	7	70,000	8	80,000	7	70,000	5	50,000	32	320,000	
	Oct-24	5	50,000	7	70,000	8	80,000	7	70,000	5	50,000	32	320,000	
	Total	31	310,000	43	430,000	48	480,000	43	430,000	34	340,000	199	1,990,000	9.8
Call Options	May-24	11	110.000	15	150,000	17	170.000	15	150,000	12	120.000	70	700,000	5.0.
	Jun-24	11	110,000	15	150,000	16	160,000	15	150,000	12	120,000	69	690,000	
	Jul-24 Jul-24	11	110,000	15	150,000	16	160,000	15	150,000	12	120,000	68	680.000	
	Aug-24	10	100.000	13	140,000	16	160,000	13	140,000	11	110,000	65	650,000	
	Sep-24	10	100,000	14	140,000	16	160,000	14	140,000	11	110,000	65	650,000	
	Oct-24	10	100,000		- ,	16	160,000		- /	11	-,	65		
	Total	63	630,000	14 87	140,000 870.000	97	970.000	14 87	140,000 870,000	68	110,000 680.000	402	650,000 4.020.000	19.90
Collars	May-24	0	030,000	0	870,000 0	97	970,000 0	0	0	0	080,000	402	4,020,000	19.9
Collars	Jun-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Jul-24 Jul-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		-	0	0		0	0	-	-	0	-	0	0	
	Aug-24	0	•	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	0	-	Ũ	
	Sep-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Oct-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
ndex (back financial)														
	Total		940,000		1,300,000		1,450,000		1,300,000		1,020,000		6,010,000	29.7
Physical Hedges			0		0		0		0		0		0	
Storage			635,634		1,597,234		1,597,234		1,597,234		635,634		6,062,969	30.0
Prepaid Obl			0		0		0		0		0		0	0.0
			49.91%		66.21%		62.45%		66.50%		48.21%		59.76%	
Term Index		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0
Total NNG MN														
Futures													1,990,000	9.8
Call Options													4,020,000	19.9
Costing Collar													0	0.0
Storage													6,062,969	30.0
Prepaid Obl													0	0.0
Term Index													0	0.0
Month/Daily													8,129,428	40.2
Total													20,202,397	100.0

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		MI	NNESOTA ENERG	Y RESOUR	CES - N	ING				
			NNG WI	NTER PLAN						
			NOVEMBER 2024 T	HROUGH MAR	CH 2025					
							Daily Volumes			Monthly
PHYSICAL FIXED PRICE HEDGES	Deal #	Trigger Locked	Trigger <u>Exercised</u>	Receipt Point	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
No Physical Fixed Price Hedges										-
Т	otal Actual Fixed/C	Option Physica	al	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INDEX	Contract									
	Number	Date	Receipt Point	Nov	Dec	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	Mar	Total	
	123822	5/15/2024	NNG/GLGT Carlton	24,972	24,972	24,972	24,972	24,972	3,770,772	
	123823	5/15/2024	NNG/GLGT Grand Rapids	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	906,000	
	123824	5/15/2024	NNG-TCPL/NNG Beatrice	5,540	5,540	5,540	5,540	5,540	836,540	
	123825	5/15/2024	NNG-NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	19,000	19,000	19,000	-	1,710,000	
	123826	5/15/2024	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	1,510,000	
	123827	5/15/2024	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	1,510,000	
	123828	5/15/2024	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	1,812,000	
	123829	5/15/2024	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	-	10,371	10,371	10,371	-	933,390	
	123821	5/15/2024	NBPL at Spring Creek TP	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	1,510,000	
			τοτα	L 78,512	107,883	107,883	107,883	78,512	14,498,702	
GAS DAILY PACKAGES					,	,	,	,	,,	
Physical Call Option	123830	5/15/2024	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-		
Physical Call Option	123831	5/15/2024	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-		
Physical Call Option FOM PRICED CALL PACKAGES	123833	5/15/2024	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-		
Physical Call Option	122402	3/14/2024	NNG-NBPL/NNG Various	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000		
<u>STORAGE</u> Injection <u>Month</u> May - balance forward	K#118657 Volume Injected 2,581,735		Open Volume <u>Injected</u>	,,						
June	725,490		(,						
July (est)	549,673		(/						
August (est)	549,673		(/						
Sept (est)	925,490		(
Oct (est)	867,939		<u>(</u>							
Total	6,200,000		C	6,200,000						

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG NNG WINTER PLAN - SUPPLY MIX NOVEMBER 2024 THROUGH MARCH 2025

Monthly vs. Daily Pricing	Term Deal Type	Index Location	Receipt Point	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (1-14)	Feb (15-28)	Mar
Monthly Index	Baseload	Nymex LDS	NNG/GLGT Carlton	24,972	24,972	24,972	24,972	24,972	24,972
Monthly Index	Baseload	Nymex LDS	NNG/GLGT Canton NNG/GLGT Grand Rapids	6.000	6,000	6.000	6.000	6.000	6,000
Monthly Index	Baseload	Nymex LDS	NNG-TCPL/NNG Beatrice	5,540	5,540	5,540	5,540	5,540	5,540
Monthly Index	Baseload	Ventura	NNG-NBPL/NNG Ventura	3,340	19.000	19.000	19.000	19.000	3,340
Monthly Index	Baseload	Nymex LDS	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Monthly Index	Baseload	Demarc	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Monthly Index	Baseload	Nymex LDS	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Monthly Index	Baseload	Demarc	NNG-NNG Field/Demarc	-	10,371	10,371	10,371	10,371	12,000
Monthly Index	Baseload	Ventura	NBPL at Spring Creek TP	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Daily Index	Call/Swing	Ventura	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	- 10,000
Daily Index	Call/Swing	Ventura	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	_
Daily Index	Call/Swing	Ventura	NNG NBPL/NNG Ventura	_	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Monthly Index	Call/Swing	Ventura	NNG-NBPL/NNG Various	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
			TOTAL BASELOAD	78,512	107,883	107,883	107,883	107,883	78,512
			TOTAL CALL/SWING (MONTH INDEX)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
			TOTAL CALL/SWING (DAILY INDEX)	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
			TOTAL STORAGE WITHDRAWAL	113,074	113,074	113,074	113,074	59,267	59,267
				113,014	115,014	115,014	113,014	55,201	55,207
			SUPPLY MIX - MAX DAY	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (1-14)	Feb (15-28)	Mar
			DEMAND	210,653	290,169	290,169	290,169	290,169	206,319
			BASELOAD	78,512	107,883	107,883	107,883	107,883	78,512
			CALL/SWING	-	69,960	69,960	69,960	70,000	40,000
			STORAGE WITHDRAWAL	132,141	113,074	113,074	113,074	59,267	59,267
			SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE)	-	-	-	-	53,784	28,540
			TOTAL SUPPLY	210,653	290,917	290,917	290,917	290,934	206,319
			% MONTHLY PRICE	37%	51%	51%	51%	37%	38%
			% DAILY PRICE	0%	10%	10%	10%	25%	14%
			% STORAGE WACOG	63%	39%	39%	39%	20%	29%
			SUPPLY MIX - AVERAGE DAY	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (1-14)	Feb (15-29)	Mar
			DEMAND	104,217	138,818	166,291	146,248	146,248	113,561
					-			-	
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING	78,512	107,883	107,883	107,883	107,883	78,512
			STORAGE WITHDRAWAL	25,705	30,935	58,408	38,365	38,365	35,049
			SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) TOTAL SUPPLY	- 104,217	138,818	166,291	- 146,248	146,248	113,561
								-	
			% MONTHLY PRICE	75%	78%	65%	74%	74%	69%
			% DAILY PRICE % STORAGE WACOG	0% 25%	0% 22%	0% 35%	0% 26%	0% 26%	0% 31%
			SUPPLY MIX - MINIMUM DAY	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (1-14)	Feb (15-29)	Mar
			DEMAND						45,042
				26,994	54,980	89,907	69,395	69,395	-
			BASELOAD	26,994 78,512	54,980 107,883	89,907 107,883	69,395 107,883	107,883	78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING	-		-			78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL	-		107,883	107,883	107,883 - -	78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE)	78,512	107,883	-			78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) NNG SMS INJECT (-)	78,512	(22,260)	107,883 - - -	107,883 - - - -	107,883 - -	78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) NNG SMS INJECT (-) STORAGE INJECT (-)	78,512 	107,883 - (22,260) (26,192)	107,883	107,883 - - - (15,856)	107,883 (15,856)	78,512 (16,563 (26,192
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) NNG SMS INJECT (-)	78,512	(22,260)	107,883 - - -	107,883 - - - -	107,883 - -	78,512
			BASELOAD CALL/SWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) NNG SMS INJECT (-) STORAGE INJECT (-) REMAINING SUPPLY (LONG GAS) % MONTHLY PRICE	78,512 (22,680) (26,192) 2,646 100%	107,883 - (22,260) (26,192) 4,451 100%	107,883 - - (17,993) (17) 100%	107,883 (15,856) 22,632 100%	107,883 (15,856) 22,632 100%	78,512 (16,563 (26,192 (9,285
			BASELOAD CALLSWING STORAGE WITHDRAWAL SPOT SUPPLY (DAILY PURCHASE) NIG SMS INJECT (-) STORAGE INJECT (-) REMAINING SUPPLY (LONG GAS)	78,512 (22,680) (26,192) 2,646	107,883 (22,260) (26,192) 4,451	107,883 - - (17,993) (17)	107,883 (15,856) 22,632	107,883 (15,856) 22,632	78,512 (16,563 (26,192 (9,285

MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Proposed
<u> </u>	NNG	NNG	NNG	NNG	NNG	Change
Design Day	280,796	282,710	291,250	290,934	290,169	(765)
Customer Requirements moving to Transportation						
Adjusted Design Day						
Design Day Percentages	32.69%	28.90%	29.71%	28.53%	30.59%	2.06%
Total Design Day Capacity (includes non-recallable capacity)	314,349	313,756	313,756	320,242	320,242	0
		0.500			0 500	
Less: Windom	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Less: Northwestern Energy	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	0
Total Design Day Capacity NNG Pipeline	310,814	310,221	310,221	316,707	316,707	0
Factors for All Winter Capacity	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
Direct Assigned Entitlements in PGA						
TF12B	46.006	21,492	33.714	37,650	34,711	(2,939)
TF12V	38,703	62,624	50,402	46,466	49,405	2,939
TF5	36,275	36,275	36,275	36,275	36,275	2,000
TFX12	85,329	85,329	85,329	91,815	91,815	ů 0
TFX(5)	104,501	104,501	104,501	104,501	104,501	ů 0
TFX(5) (12-V)	101,001	101,001	101,001	101,001	101,001	ů 0
TFX (April Only)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0 0
TFX (October Only)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0 0
Windom	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Northwestern Energy	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	0
NNG Zone Delivery Call Option	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bison *	50.000	0	0	0	0	0
NBPL *	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Total Direct Assignments	314,349	313,756	313,756	320,242	320,242	0
LP Peak Shaving	,	,	,	,	,	0
Total Design Day Capacity	314,349	313,756	313,756	320,242	320,242	0
Total Annual Transportation	173,573	172,980	172,980	179,466	179,466	0
Total Seasonal Transportation	140,776	140,776	140,776	140,776	140,776	0
Total Percent Seasonal	44.8%	44.9%	44.9%	44.0%	44.0%	0.0%
Reserve Margin	11.95%	10.98%	7.73%	10.36%	10.36%	0.0%
Total Design Day Capacity w/ contract demand	314,349	313,756	313,756	320,242	320,242	0
Factors	32.69%	28.90%	29.71%	28.53%	30.59%	2.06%
Other Entitlements not included in Peak Day Deliverability	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
TFX Oct	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
TFX Apr	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
FDD Storage Reservation	113,075	113,075	113,075	113,074	113,074	0
FDD Storage Capacity	1,303,864	1,303,864	1,303,864	1,303,864	1,303,864	0
FDD Maximum Storage Quantity	6,519,321	6,519,321	6,519,321	6,519,321	6,519,321	0
SMS	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680	0

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MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG Change in Costs due to November 1, 2024 Change in Entitlement Levels and Related Demand Costs

	Chang	e in Costs due to No	vember 1, 2024 (anange in Entitiem	ent Levels and	Related Demand C	osts		
Costs Assigned In Demand		2023/24	2024/25	Entitlement		2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	Total Annual Cost
	Contract	Entitlements	Entitlements	Change	Months	Rate	Total Annual Cost	Total Annual Cost	Change
TF12B (Max Rate) Winter	112495	26,076	23,137	(2,939)	5	\$17.4170	\$2,270,828	\$2,014,886	(\$255,943)
TF12B (Max Rate) Summer	112495	26,076	23,137	(2,939)	7	\$9.6760	\$1,766,180	\$1,567,115	(\$199,064)
TF12V (Max Rate)	112495	41,974	44,913	2,939	12	\$15.4814	\$7,797,795	\$8,343,793	\$545,998
TF5 (Max Rate)	112495	16,183	16,183	0	5	\$25.7990	\$2,087,526	\$2,087,526	\$0
TF5 (Rochester Capped)	112495	20,092	20,092	0	5	\$15.1530	\$1,522,270	\$1,522,270	\$0
TF12B (Rochester Capped)	112495	11,574	11,574	0	12	\$7.5776	\$1,052,438	\$1,052,438	\$0
TF12V (Rochester Capped)	112495	4.492	4,492	0	12	\$9.0926	\$490,128	\$490,128	\$0
TFX12 (Max Rate)	112486	8,750	8,750	0	12	\$16.3939	\$1,721,360	\$1,721,360	\$0
TFX Apr (Max Rate)	112486	2,000	2,000	0	1	\$9.6760	\$19,352	\$19,352	\$0
TFX Oct (Max Rate)	112486	2,000	2,000	ů 0	1	\$9.6760	\$19,352	\$19,352	\$0 \$0
TFX (Rochester Capped)	112486	2,000	2,000	0	12	\$9.6288	\$239,410	\$239,410	\$0 \$0
TFX5 (Max Rate)	112486	62,549	62,549	0	5	\$25.7990	\$8,068,508	\$8,068,508	\$0 \$0
TFX5 (Rochester Capped)	112486	16,939	16,939	0	5	\$15.1530	\$1,283,383	\$1,283,383	\$0 \$0
				0					
TFX12 (Discount)	111866	1,283	1,283	-	12	\$4.8640	\$74,886	\$74,886	\$0
TFX12 (Discount)	111866	8,271	8,271	0	12	\$5.4720	\$543,107	\$543,107	\$0
TFX12 (Discount)	111866	11,921	11,921	0	12	\$7.6025	\$1,087,553	\$1,087,553	\$0
TFX5 (Discount)	111866	379	379	0	5	\$4.8640	\$9,217	\$9,217	\$0
TFX5 (Discount)	111866	2,445	2,445	0	5	\$5.4720	\$66,895	\$66,895	\$0
TFX5 (Discount)	111866	22,189	22,189	0	5	\$15.1392	\$1,679,619	\$1,679,619	\$0
TFX (Max Rate)	141673/142983	6,486	6,486	0	12	\$16.3939	\$336,206	\$1,275,970	\$939,764
Windom		2,500	2,500	0	12	\$0.0000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northwestern Energy		1,035	1,035	0	12	\$8.00	\$99,360	\$99,360	\$0
Total Demand Cost		.,	.,	-	.=		\$32,235,374	\$33,266,129	\$1,030,755
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Costs Assigned In Commodity		2023/24	2024/25	Entitlement		2024/25	2023/24	Entitlement	Entitlement
,		Entitlements	Entitlement	Change	Months	Rate/Dth	Total Annual Cost	Total Cost	Change
Upstream				J -					<u> </u>
Surcharges:									
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Storage (FDD)									
FDD - Reservation	118657	107,524	107,524	0	12	\$ 3.2345	\$4,173,437	\$4,173,437	\$0
FDD - Storage Cycle	118657	1,239,864	1,239,864	0	5	\$ 0.6731	\$4,172,763	\$4,172,763	\$0 \$0
FDD - Reservation	118657	5,550	5,550	0	12	\$ 3.2758	\$218,168	\$218,168	
				0					
FDD - Storage Cycle	118657	64,000	64,000		5	\$ 0.6818	\$218,176	\$218,176	
FDD - Reservation	open	0	0	0	12	\$-	\$0	\$0	
FDD - Storage Cycle	open	0	0	0	5	\$-	\$0	\$0	
FDD - Reservation	open	0	0	0	12	\$ -	\$0	\$0	
FDD - Storage Cycle	open	0	0	0	5	\$-	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Pipeline</u>									
NBPL	101251	50,000	50,000	0	12	\$6.1230	\$3,683,882	\$3,673,800	(\$10,082)
TFX12 (Rochester)	112486	10,500	10,500	0	12	\$37.1175	\$4,676,805	\$4,676,805	\$0
TFX12 (Rochester II)	112486	34,500	34,500	0	12	\$10.7714	\$4,459,360	\$4,459,360	\$0
TFX12 (SE MN Expansion)	112486	8,032	8,032	0	12	\$16.3939	\$1,580,110	\$1,580,110	\$0
	112400	0,032	0,002	0	12	ψ10.0000	ψ1,000,110	ψ1,000,110	ψυ
Balancing Service		272,160	272,160	0	1	\$4.2550	\$1,158,041	\$1,158,041	\$0
Physical Forward Start Premium							\$750,750	\$555,750	(\$195,000)
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Financial Call Option Premium							\$401,771	\$139,949	(\$261,822)
Total Commodity Costs							\$25,493,262	\$25,026,358	(\$466,904)

MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES - NNG

						Design Day:	
						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
Date	11.04% Cloquet Adjusted HDD	31.68% Minneapolis Adjusted HDD	46.53% Rochester Adjusted HDD	10.75% Worthington Adjusted HDD	100.00% Weighted Adjusted HDD	Actual Total Through- Put *	Estimated Firm Through- Put **
7/1/23	0	0	0	0	0	178,199	6,411
7/2/23	0	0	0	0	0	176,543	6,411
7/3/23	0	0	0	0	0	180,087	6,411
7/4/23	0	0	0	0	0	168,770	6,411
7/5/23	8	0	0	7	2	180,399	10,352
7/6/23	2	0	6	2	3	186,753	13,817
7/7/23	0	0	4	9	3	178,081	12,870
7/8/23	5	0	2	4	2	166,109	10,403
7/9/23	0	0	0	0	0	159,043	6,411
7/10/23	8 7	0	0	0	1	159,740	8,237
7/11/23	5	0	0	3	1	179,667	8,644
7/12/23	4	0	2	0	1	186,877	9,843
7/13/23	0	0	0	0	0	188,025	6,411
7/14/23	0	0	0	0	0	189,546	6,411
7/15/23	5	0	0	0	1	156,522	7,817
7/16/23	3	0	2	2	2	162,205	10,191
7/17/23	4	0	4	3	3	193,788	13,016
7/18/23	1	0	0	0	0	186,496	6,548
7/19/23	4	0	0	0	0	184,749	7,377
7/20/23	0	0	0	1	0	186,370	6,553
7/21/23	0	0	0	0	0	187,514	6,411
7/22/23	0	0	0	0	0	175,280	6,411
7/23/23	0	0	0	0	0	182,269	6,411
7/24/23	0	0	0	0	0	189,310	6,411
7/25/23	0	0	0	0	0	193,308	6,411
7/26/23	0	0	0	0	0	197,959	6,411
7/27/23	0	0	0	0	0	197,033	6,411
7/28/23	1	0	0	0	0	191,604	6,551
7/29/23	5	0	0	0	1	172,432	7,675
7/30/23	3	0	0	0	0	143,801	7,095
7/31/23	0	0	0	0	0	172,104	6,411
8/1/23	0	0	0	0	0	187,042	6,411
8/2/23	0	0	0	0	0	205,994	6,411
8/3/23	0	0	0	0	0	204,608	6,411
8/4/23	0	0	0	0	0	191,206	6,411
8/5/23	0	0	0	0	0	167,491	6,411

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						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
Date	11.04% Cloquet Adjusted HDD	31.68% Minneapolis Adjusted HDD	46.53% Rochester Adjusted HDD	10.75% Worthington Adjusted HDD	100.00% Weighted Adjusted HDD	Actual Total Through- Put *	Estimated Firm Through- Put **
8/6/23	0	0	0	3	0	170,994	7,262
8/7/23	0	0	0	0	0	198,774	6,411
8/8/23	0	0	0	0	0	199,460	6,411
8/9/23	5	0	0	0	1	202,519	7,667
8/10/23	0	0	0	0	0	194,273	6,411
8/11/23	2	0	0	0	0	185,521	6,820
8/12/23	2	0	0	0	0	181,415	6,823
8/13/23	2	0	1	1	1	178,437	7,732
8/14/23	6	2	5	6	4	183,734	16,787
8/15/23	0	0	0	0	0	183,130	6,411
8/16/23	0	0	0	0	0	163,525	6,411
8/17/23	7	0	5	2	3	179,896	14,463
8/18/23	0	0	0	0	0	161,048	6,411
8/19/23	0	0	0	0	0	167,707	6,411
8/20/23	0	0	0	0	0	169,292	6,411
8/21/23	2	0	0	0	0	182,253	6,844
8/22/23	3	0	0	0	0	190,775	7,269
8/23/23	4	0	0	0	0	200,468	7,398
8/24/23	0	0	0	0	0	200,200	6,411
8/25/23	0	0	0	0	0	177,511	6,411
8/26/23	14	1	1	5	3	161,530	13,072
8/27/23	6	0	2	0	1	170,833	9,772
8/28/23	0	0	0	0	0	192,190	6,411
8/29/23	5	0	0	0	1	177,388	7,788
8/30/23	3	0	1	0	1	182,675	8,274
8/31/23	0	0	0	0	0	155,979	6,411
9/1/23	0	0	0	0	0	167,344	6,411
9/2/23	0	0	0	0	0	160,385	6,411
9/3/23	0	0	0	0	0	158,665	6,411
9/4/23	0	0	0	0	0	186,442	6,411
9/5/23	0	0	0	0	0	182,176	6,411
9/6/23	10	3	5	10	5	170,728	19,381
9/7/23	14	7	12	4	9	183,807	29,019
9/8/23	8	0	2	0	2	179,260	10,329
9/9/23	3	0	0	2	0	163,735	7,492
9/10/23	8	2	6	8	5	148,519	18,657

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						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
	11.04% Cloquet Adjusted	31.68% Minneapolis Adjusted	46.53% Rochester Adjusted	10.75% Worthington Adjusted	100.00% Weighted Adjusted	Actual Total Through-	Estimated Firm Through-
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
9/11/23	8	1	5	5	4	123,707	16,228
9/12/23	22	10	11	10	12	119,862	33,943
9/13/23	16	7	8	4	8	121,485	25,690
9/14/23	4	0	0	0	0	122,010	7,379
9/15/23	5	3	8	5	6	144,282	20,262
9/16/23	12	3	5	9	6	136,359	19,804
9/17/23	9	3	7	6	6	138,865	20,644
9/18/23	7	0	0	0	1	167,765	8,366
9/19/23	6	0	0	0	1	181,023	8,071
9/20/23	0	0	0	0	0	186,141	6,411
9/21/23	0	0	0	0	0	192,347	6,411
9/22/23	3	0	0	2	0	184,536	7,545
9/23/23	7	0	0	6	1	150,013	9,696
9/24/23	8	0	0	4	1	175,551	9,523
9/25/23	9	3	2	6	3	195,680	14,090
9/26/23	4	1	2	2	2	197,471	10,619
9/27/23	5	0	1	4	1	186,751	9,505
9/28/23	6	0	1	0	1	165,828	9,162
9/29/23	5	0	0	0	1	151,868	7,780
9/30/23	3	0	0	0	0	159,476	7,121
10/1/23	3	0	0	0	0	158,358	7,108
10/2/23	0	0	0	0	0	183,824	6,411
10/3/23	0	0	0	0	0	177,454	6,411
10/4/23	11	5	7	8	7	192,619	22,812
10/5/23	16	12	11	16	13	158,925	36,533
10/6/23	24	18	20	28	20	184,413	55,024
10/7/23	24	18	18	18	18	198,694	50,317
10/8/23	25	17	19	18	19	193,715	51,526
10/9/23	24	19	24	24	22	234,449	59,786
10/10/23	23	17	24	18	21	230,845	56,238
10/11/23	26	13	14	14	15	207,441	42,438
10/12/23	18	18	21	23	20	211,446	54,094
10/13/23	21	20	20	21	20	205,153	54,787
10/14/23	23	19	21	21	20	202,009	54,948
10/15/23	20	18	21	21	20	195,302	54,124
10/16/23	30	14	21	18	19	240,234	52,809

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						Base	6,411
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	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%	Actual	Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington	Weighted	Total	Firm
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through-
Date	ĤDD	ĤDD	ĤDD	ĤDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
10/17/23	18	12	13	10	13	210,358	36,851
10/18/23	17	11	12	14	13	212,336	36,670
10/19/23	19	13	21	14	18	237,753	48,384
10/20/23	17	8	10	6	10	203,751	29,544
10/21/23	17	16	22	20	19	218,298	52,591
10/22/23	16	14	19	17	17	207,032	46,314
10/23/23	14	9	8	8	9	212,914	27,321
10/24/23	16	12	4	16	9	230,778	29,051
10/25/23	21	11	9	14	12	231,129	34,150
10/26/23	24	16	12	23	16	214,456	44,878
10/27/23	35	36	38	45	38	272,233	96,053
10/28/23	43	37	39	42	39	284,325	99,340
10/29/23	43	37	41	42	40	288,433	102,170
10/30/23	44	38	41	45	41	311,625	104,043
10/31/23	44	38	45	46	43	306,269	108,524
11/1/23	40	34	38	35	37	311,295	94,190
11/2/23	33	31	29	28	30	297,427	78,741
11/3/23	41	26	26	30	28	288,814	74,000
11/4/23	37	24	24	25	26	265,771	67,842
11/5/23	27	17	16	13	17	215,117	47,079
11/6/23	30	22	21	21	22	258,006	58,981
11/7/23	33	25	24	23	25	272,418	67,063
11/8/23	30	25	28	26	27	247,204	71,278
11/9/23	34	26	27	29	28	263,681	72,269
11/10/23	33	31	37	36	34	291,076	88,627
11/11/23	33	25	31	22	28	248,943	74,498
11/12/23	26	17	22	21	21	229,727	56,105
11/13/23	22	16	21	13	19	234,977	51,308
11/14/23	20	14	18	20	17	217,865	46,952
11/15/23	19	13	13	15	14	219,929	40,159
11/16/23	25	19	24	27	23	245,077	61,134
11/17/23	34	28	33	31	31	275,831	80,989
11/18/23	30	21	23	22	23	260,405	61,716
11/19/23	28	19	21	20	21	232,846	56,394
11/20/23	29	24	29	32	28	245,721	72,283
11/21/23	39	34	40	41	38	275,248	97,375

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						Variable	2,390
	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%	Actual	Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington		Total	Firm
Dete	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through- Put **
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put
11/22/23	43	31	35	32	34	245,614	87,838
11/23/23	52	48	48	54	49	281,025	123,692
11/24/23	48	44	46	49	46	313,377	116,071
11/25/23	45	41	43	50	43	295,361	110,160
11/26/23	52	48	53	50	51	303,325	128,175
11/27/23	64	57	65	54	61	372,576	152,693
11/28/23	54	47	55	41	51	321,540	128,304
11/29/23	32	29	33	31	31	281,533	81,282
11/30/23	41	37	37	44	38	306,429	97,322
12/1/23	42	37	41	40	40	310,103	101,989
12/2/23	36	36	37	39	37	283,855	94,277
12/3/23	35	35	38	39	37	298,259	93,974
12/4/23	35	36	39	38	37	281,359	95,889
12/5/23	43	39	43	35	41	306,879	104,626
12/6/23	36	29	33	27	32	259,808	81,688
12/7/23	29	25	25	19	25	218,673	65,141
12/8/23	29	25	28	31	27	245,530	71,877
12/9/23	42	40	44	53	44	296,307	110,653
12/10/23	47	43	46	47	45	338,874	114,695
12/11/23	48	41	46	42	44	317,718	111,647
12/12/23	49	42	46	45	45	340,261	114,229
12/13/23	40	32	34	35	34	292,477	87,907
12/14/23	29	24	26	25	26	250,984	67,845
12/15/23	31	26	29	27	28	276,534	74,017
12/16/23	33	30	31	36	31	256,636	81,536
12/17/23	51	44	48	44	46	279,520	117,515
12/18/23	55	48	57	48	53	356,542	132,515
12/19/23	40	35	42	39	39	318,939	100,346
12/20/23	39	32	35	36	34	300,766	88,561
12/21/23	34	32	34	33	33	295,369	85,598
12/22/23	30	26	27	30	28	266,752	72,397
12/23/23	26	21	24	29	24	222,630	63,667
12/24/23	23	18	17	29	19	207,860	52,520
12/25/23	29	23	28	35	27	223,720	71,787
12/26/23	33	33	39	39	36	301,608	93,117
12/27/23	35	34	37	40	36	305,076	92,681

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						Variable	2,390
	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%		Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington	Weighted	Total	Firm
Data	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through- Put **
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
12/28/23	39	37	42	42	40	297,004	101,470
12/29/23	35	33	37	33	35	270,025	90,671
12/30/23	45	42	44	45	44	273,857	110,451
12/31/23	48	43	46	49	45	315,791	115,093
1/1/24	47	44	47	45	46	303,816	115,205
1/2/24	40	37	39	41	39	311,785	98,584
1/3/24	49	41	41	46	42	325,921	107,922
1/4/24	50	40	45	46	44	330,224	111,557
1/5/24	41	36	39	38	38	304,093	97,553
1/6/24	46	39	43	52	43	289,503	109,300
1/7/24	56	43	46	50	47	305,498	117,716
1/8/24	45	40	43	51	43	296,763	108,739
1/9/24	45	42	47	62	47	303,503	118,576
1/10/24	43	45	51	61	49	295,852	123,754
1/11/24	61	60	59	73	61	335,190	151,821
1/12/24	68	65	68	86	69	344,111	171,928
1/13/24	76	76	85	97	82	378,014	203,372
1/14/24	81	75	85	87	82	387,408	202,138
1/15/24	82	75	83	92	81	393,970	200,085
1/16/24	73	70	77	77	74	367,097	183,689
1/17/24	73	62	66	62	65	373,486	162,613
1/18/24	72	67	72	76	71	399,926	176,096
1/19/24	74	69	77	80	75	427,990	184,504
1/20/24	69	66	75	78	72	387,531	177,830
1/21/24	55	54	60	61	58	331,270	144,650
1/22/24	45	39	41	42	41	308,112	104,187
1/23/24	40	36	37	39	37	298,807	95,145
1/24/24	36	32	34	35	34	283,679	87,676
1/25/24	32	30	34	34	32	288,766	83,973
1/26/24	34	30	33	38	33	278,389	84,659
1/27/24	37	34	38	36	37	295,316	94,106
1/28/24	35	37	39	32	37	296,924	94,539
1/29/24	34	28	30	31	30	252,297	78,420
1/30/24	36	31	36	37	35	285,028	89,249
1/31/24	27	24	27	27	26	260,755	68,451
2/1/24	35	28	30	28	30	261,573	77,515

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	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%	Actual	Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington	Weighted	Total	Firm
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through-
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
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2/2/24	39	33	40	32	37	256,193	94,275
2/3/24	41	36	35	36	36	270,550	92,517
2/4/24	36	28	29	34	30	288,098	78,494
2/5/24	24	27	27	31	27	280,931	71,527
2/6/24	29	20	25	25	24	244,709	63,548
2/7/24	30	22	28	21	26	248,151	67,483
2/8/24	31	26	27	33	28	261,990	73,229
2/9/24	49	41	43	39	43	304,132	108,092
2/10/24	45	37	42	39	40	306,433	102,683
2/11/24	43	34	38	37	37	291,775	95,048
2/12/24	42	31	35	34	34	306,790	87,999
2/13/24	42	35	33	33	34	307,067	88,727
2/14/24	41	39	38	47	39	286,157	100,502
2/15/24	57	51	52	47	52	341,130	130,135
2/16/24	63	60	64	62	63	348,854	156,348
2/17/24	45	50	54	56	52	301,691	130,507
2/18/24	45	39	43	39	42	318,577	105,600
2/19/24	40	37	33	31	35	301,029	89,854
2/20/24	28	32	28	26	29	282,235	75,824
2/21/24	29	26	27	22	26	273,402	69,036
2/22/24	32	27	27	27	28	238,067	72,324
2/23/24	54	42	44	41	44	318,702	111,398
2/24/24	41	33	40	30	37	251,238	95,297
2/25/24	38	27	27	29	28	256,199	74,211
2/26/24	25	18	17	20	18	222,372	50,287
2/27/24	57	44	47	67	49	329,934	123,969
2/28/24	64	57	61	54	59	374,219	147,584
2/29/24	50	29	32	25	32	262,587	83,058
3/1/24	26	22	26	27	25	238,782	65,916
3/2/24	27	16	17	16	17	201,135	48,194
3/3/24	33	13	17	24	18	217,257	50,153
3/4/24	40	35	38	39	37	297,467	95,407
3/5/24	33	27	30	31	30	274,076	76,973
3/6/24	33	21	26	26	25	231,707	66,081
3/7/24	41	32	27	38	31	270,171	80,305
3/8/24	43	39	39	44	40	294,716	102,440
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						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%	Actual	Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington	Weighted	Total	Firm
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through-
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
3/9/24	44	36	41	38	39	270,848	100,603
3/10/24	33	28	30	25	29	225,407	76,044
3/11/24	16	13	9	12	11	185,829	33,407
3/12/24	19	11	12	17	13	206,591	38,031
3/13/24	23	11	9	11	12	201,823	34,418
3/14/24	32	20	25	27	24	229,480	64,949
3/15/24	30	22	23	26	24	206,918	63,445
3/16/24	46	35	36	38	37	232,844	95,488
3/17/24	52	45	47	53	47	302,936	119,639
3/18/24	44	39	42	43	41	282,049	105,316
3/19/24	46	36	34	35	36	265,249	93,289
3/20/24	53	43	42	46	44	325,812	112,026
3/21/24	45	37	37	38	38	320,620	97,253
3/22/24	50	42	48	50	47	317,531	118,240
3/23/24	46	39	41	45	42	287,512	105,896
3/24/24	44	38	39	39	39	277,052	100,392
3/25/24	45	35	31	47	35	299,305	90,869
3/26/24	54	49	47	58	50	335,663	124,899
3/27/24	51	47	48	48	48	336,352	120,839
3/28/24	45	38	36	36	38	301,591	96,076
3/29/24	38	31	25	26	28	261,440	73,792
3/30/24	33	28	26	33	28	258,086	73,914
3/31/24	30	26	27	35	28	252,817	73,653
4/1/24	34	28	36	36	33	269,549	85,232
4/2/24	36	32	38	31	35	278,393	89,745
4/3/24	31	26	33	35	31	258,733	80,037
4/4/24	32	24	30	24	28	261,263	72,425
4/5/24	31	19	26	22	24	202,864	64,127
4/6/24	28	19	22	19	21	206,050	57,703
4/7/24	27	25	27	26	26	241,676	69,457
4/8/24	28	22	24	28	24	232,737	64,723
4/9/24	21	15	18	17	17	201,393	48,007
4/10/24	17	8	11	13	11	187,854	32,515
4/11/24	19	15	21	24	19	200,185	51,746
4/12/24	25	15	22	16	20	195,557	53,515
4/13/24	14	0	0	0	2	161,738	10,084

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						Design Day:	
						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
	11.04% Cloquet	31.68% Minneapolis	46.53% Rochester	10.75% Worthington	100.00% Weighted	Actual Total	Estimated Firm
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through-
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
4/14/24	20	4	4	11	7	188,326	22,517
4/15/24	14	6	6	0	6	179,573	21,845
4/16/24	28	19	17	13	18	218,149	50,545
4/17/24	26	18	21	18	20	222,001	54,882
4/18/24	30	26	27	30	27	226,531	71,350
4/19/24	39	36	35	35	36	236,363	92,083
4/20/24	30	27	33	33	31	237,175	80,266
4/21/24	17	15	21	16	18	177,202	50,237
4/22/24	14	8	12	12	11	177,580	32,229
4/23/24	26	19	23	22	22	180,705	58,455
4/24/24	29	17	19	10	18	194,450	50,045
4/25/24	18	9	12	10	11	167,484	33,576
4/26/24	19	15	15	17	15	196,353	43,383
4/27/24	25	13	12	16	14	171,477	40,321
4/28/24	37	21	19	21	22	215,641	58,185
4/29/24	31	20	23	23	23	239,876	60,776
4/30/24	22	7	8	11	9	205,778	29,024
5/1/24	18	9	9	13	11	199,633	31,744
5/2/24	26	16	20	15	19	225,278	51,396
5/3/24	13	7	6	11	8	192,534	25,314
5/4/24	22	14	19	18	18	197,080	48,565
5/5/24	13	6	10	10	9	172,206	27,382
5/6/24	12	0	2	4	3	154,510	13,335
5/7/24	20	4	7	13	8	174,422	26,315
5/8/24	19	3	2	6	5	190,713	17,248
5/9/24	25	9	14	10	13	197,114	37,338
5/10/24	17	4	8	7	8	168,927	24,510
5/11/24	3	0	3	0	2	163,406	10,327
5/12/24	7	0	0	0	1	173,440	8,147
5/13/24	14	5	7	9	7	190,803	23,582
5/14/24	17	4	8	1	7	177,554	22,859
5/15/24	19	1	0	6	3	180,293	13,163
5/16/24	16	3	7	3	6	194,149	21,233
5/17/24	10	0	0	0	1	154,667	9,113
5/18/24	3	0	0	3	1	161,265	8,137
5/19/24	3	1	2	4	2	164,293	10,493

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						Design Day:	
						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
Date	11.04% Cloquet Adjusted HDD	31.68% Minneapolis Adjusted HDD	46.53% Rochester Adjusted HDD	10.75% Worthington Adjusted HDD	100.00% Weighted Adjusted HDD	Actual Total Through- Put *	Estimated Firm Through- Put **
5/20/24	8	0	0	0	1	157,555	8,617
5/21/24	15	3	5	7	6	142,295	19,727
5/22/24	18	2	6	5	6	150,314	21,084
5/23/24	7	0	0	0	1	141,266	8,250
5/24/24	25	6	9	13	10	138,658	30,943
5/25/24	4	0	0	2	1	127,299	8,126
5/26/24	11	4	13	2	9	134,064	27,653
5/27/24	10	7	8	8	8	140,008	25,266
5/28/24	14	7	11	10	10	149,710	30,322
5/29/24	15	2	7	0	5	143,324	19,150
5/30/24	4	0	0	0	0	138,367	7,393
5/31/24	2	1	2	3	2	133,614	10,249
6/1/24	7	0	3	0	2	131,364	11,848
6/2/24	0	0	0	0	0	123,905	6,411
6/3/24	0	0	0	0	0	143,608	6,411
6/4/24	3	0	0	0	0	146,645	7,250
6/5/24	3	0	0	0	0	130,104	7,134
6/6/24	12	1	4	2	3	150,060	14,352
6/7/24	3	0	0	0	0	167,106	7,279
6/8/24	3	0	3	1	2	158,951	10,469
6/9/24	16	3	4	3	5	137,234	18,201
6/10/24	6	0	3	0	2	150,843	10,997
6/11/24	5	0	0	0	1	152,223	7,672
6/12/24	0	0	0	0	0	158,986	6,411
6/13/24	3	0	0	0	0	166,971	7,110
6/14/24	6	0	0	0	1	155,386	7,907
6/15/24	5	0	0	0	1	129,458	7,815
6/16/24	1	0	0	0	0	152,168	6,548
6/17/24	5	0	0	0	1	160,858	7,799
6/18/24	0	0	0	0	0	166,932	6,411
6/19/24	6	0	2	2	2	180,126	10,304
6/20/24	8	0	0	3	1	166,945	9,297
6/21/24	5	0	0	0	1	161,382	7,807
6/22/24	11	0	0	0	1	160,948	9,340
6/23/24	1	0	0	0	0	162,813	6,548
6/24/24	0	0	0	0	0	168,107	6,411

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Daily Total Throughput Data - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 NNG

						Design Day:	
						Base	6,411
						Variable	2,390
							-
	11.04%	31.68%	46.53%	10.75%	100.00%	Actual	Estimated
	Cloquet	Minneapolis	Rochester	Worthington	Weighted	Total	Firm
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Through-	Through-
Date	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	HDD	Put *	Put **
6/25/24	0	0	0	0	0	173,865	6,411
6/26/24	8	0	0	0	1	171,019	8,498
6/27/24	1	0	0	0	0	164,912	6,548
6/28/24	0	0	0	0	0	160,201	6,411
6/29/24	14	2	3	7	5	154,697	17,257
6/30/24	7	0	4	0	3	156,135	12,475
Totals	8,519	6,557	7,244	7,448	7,189	82,575,221	19,525,862

* Volumes include interruptible and transportation volumes, NorthWest Energy not included.

** Design Model numbers are used to calculate firm volumes only

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Customer Counts by PGAC Class - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Tariff		Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Annual
Rate	Rate											-		Average
Class	Designation	Customers												
GS- Residential	MERC000001	189,950	189,967	189,905	190,178	192,386	193,681	193,229	193,096	194,349	194,604	194,672	200,493	193,042
Residential Farm Taps	MERC001206	945	1,485	1,153	1,210	1,209	827	1,509	1,116	1,081	1,088	1,247	1,018	1,157
Firm Class 1	MERC000005	7,421	7,472	7,373	7,422	7,438	7,646	7,592	7,572	7,578	7,716	7,593	7,919	7,562
Firm Class 2	MERC001221	10,218	10,213	10,222	10,210	10,341	10,456	10,419	10,420	10,443	10,408	10,395	10,889	10,386
Firm Class 3	MERC001231	52	60	60	59	58	53	52	54	53	45	51	56	54
Firm Class 4	MERC001241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firm Class 5	MERC001251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GS-C&I <1,500 therms/yr (Small) Emmons, IA	MERC000013	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
GS-C&I >1,500 therms/yr (Large) Emmons, IA	MERC000014	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Agricultural Grain Dryer Class 1	MERC001217	67	95	64	106	69	71	92	79	74	73	65	94	79
Agricultural Grain Dryer Class 2	MERC001227	47	85	60	87	50	82	83	58	70	74	64	59	68
Agricultural Grain Dryer Class 3	MERC001237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interruptible Class 2	MERC001222	169	169	120	190	158	154	161	148	157	160	139	121	154
Interruptible Class 3	MERC001232	42	40	32	48	40	40	36	33	40	38	34	34	38
Interruptible Class 4	MERC001242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interruptible Class 5	MERC001252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firm/Interruptilbe Class 2	MERC001223	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1
Firm/Interruptilbe Class 3	MERC001233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firm/Interruptilbe Class 4	MERC001243	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firm/Interruptilbe Class 5	MERC001253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Tap Class 1	MERC001216	90	134	107	118	114	81	137	100	102	120	111	97	109
Farm Tap Class 2	MERC001226	175	243	192	213	220	169	246	179	182	232	193	206	204
Farm Tap Class 3	MERC001236	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	3
Interruptible Electric Generation Class 1	MERC001218	6	6	5	8	5	6	7	3	8	7	6	5	6
Interruptible Electric Generation Class 2	MERC001228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		209,187	209,973	209,300	209,857	212,093	213,274	213,571	212,866	214,145	214,570	214,577	220,998	212,867

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Futures Contracts WACOG

Future	10,00	0 Dth/contra	ct																																
-							Nov-24					-						Dec-24				1								Jan-25					
De: Num			Number Contracts	Financial Volume	Strike Price	Strike Cost	LDS Settle*	Cost	Market P	er Unit Cost	Total Cost	Deal Number	Purchase Date	Trade Number	Number Contracts	Financial Volume	Strike Price	Strike Cost	LDS Settle*	Cost	Over/(Under) Premiur Market Per Uni	t Cost	Total Cost	Deal Number	Purchase Date	Trade N Number Co		Financial Volume	Strike Price	Strike Cost	LDS LI Settle*	Cost C	Market	Premium Premium Per Unit Cost	Total Cost
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	05/23/2	4 124075 4 125215	7	70,000 \$ 60,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	3.4100 \$ 3.2970 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	197,820 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$ 8,960 \$ 900 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -		\$ 238,70 \$ 197,82 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -		05/22/24 06/18/24	124036 124941	10 9		3.6400 S 3.7550 S - S - S - S - S S S S S S S S S S	364,000 3337,950 3 	5 3.7360 5 3.7360	\$ 373,600 \$ 336,240 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ (9,600) \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -		5 364,000 5 337,950 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 -	2	05/20/24	123931 123932 124819	9 1 10	10,000 \$ 100,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	3.8960 \$ 3.8950 \$ 4.0920 \$ 3.9850 \$ 3.9800 \$ 3.9820 \$ 3.6640 \$ 3.8650 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	409,200 \$ -	3.9940 \$ 3.9940 \$	359,460 \$ 39,940 \$ 399,400 \$ -	(8,820) (990) 9,800 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		5 350,640 5 38,950 5 409,200 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 -
Tot			13	130,000	s s	436,520 3.3578	1		\$ 9,860 \$ 0.0758	s - s -	\$ 436,52 \$ 3.357	0 Total 8			19	190,000	s	701,950 3.6945		\$ 709,840 \$ 3.7360	\$ (7,890) \$ (0.0415)	s - s -	5 701,950 5 3.6945	Total	Total		20	200,000	s s	798,790 3.9940	s s	798,800 \$ 3.9940 \$	(10) (0.0001)	s - s s - s	\$ 798,790 \$ 3.9940
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Tot	37	100.0%	13	130,000 \$	3.3578 \$	436,520	\$ 3.2820	\$ 426,660	\$ 9,860 \$. s .	\$ 436,52	0 Total	52	100.0%	19	190,000	3.6945 \$	701,950	3.7360	\$ 709,840	\$ (7,890) \$ -	s -	\$ 701,950	Total	57	100.0%	20	200,000 \$	3.9940 \$	798,790 \$	3.9940 \$	798,800 \$	(10) \$	s - s - s	\$ 798,790
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Tot	1		18	180,000	s s	672,760 3.7376			\$ (16,280) \$ (0.0904)	\$ - \$ -	\$ 672,76 \$ 3.737	0 Total 6			14	140,000	s s	452,690 3.2335		\$ 474,320 \$ 3.3880		s - s -	\$ 452,690 \$ 3.2335	Total			84	840,000	\$ \$	3,062,710 3.6461	\$ \$	3,098,660 3.6889 \$	(35,950) (0.0428)	s - s s - s	3,062,710 3.6461
NN0 Other-I		86.00% 14.00%	15 3	154,800 \$ 25,200 \$			\$ 3.8280 \$ 3.8280		\$ (14,001) \$ (2,279) \$	- \$ - \$ -	\$ 578,57 \$ 94,18		34 6	85.00% 15.00%	12 2		3.2335 \$ 3.2335 \$	384,787 67,904	3.3880 3.3880	\$ 403,172 \$ 71,148		s - s -	\$ 384,787 \$ 67,904	NNG Other-Cons			71 13		3.6461 \$ 3.6461 \$		3.6889 \$ 3.6889 \$		(30,314) (5,636)	s - s - s s - s - s	\$ 2,582,539 \$ 480,171
Tot		100.0%	18	180.000 \$	3 7376 \$	672 760	\$ 3,8280	\$ 689.040	\$ (16.280) \$		\$ 672.76	0 Total	40	100.0%	4.4	140.000	3.2335 \$	452,690	3 3880	\$ 474.320	S (21.630) S -		\$ 452.690	Total	236	100.0%	0.4	840.000 S	0.0404	3.062.710 \$	3.6889 \$	0.000.000	(35.950) 5		3.062.710

*Prices from 6/25/2024 NYMEX market close

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						K#118657			Total	ANR	ANR	ANR
	K#118657			Total	Projected	NNG			NNG	Storage	Storage	Storage
Month/	NNG			NNG	NNG	Storage			Storage	GLGT/VGT	GLGT/VGT	GLGT/VGT
Year	Storage (Dth)			Storage (Dth)	WACOG	Cost			Cost	(Dth)	WACOG	Cost
Nov-24	635,634			635,634	\$ 2.4906	\$ 1,583,132			\$ 1,583,132	90,000	\$ 2.1787	\$ 196,082
Dec-24	1,597,234			1,597,234	\$ 2.4906	\$ 3,978,127			\$ 3,978,127	248,000		\$ 540,316
Jan-25	1,597,234			1,597,234	\$ 2.4906	\$ 3,978,127			\$ 3,978,127	279,000	\$ 2.1787	\$ 607,855
Feb-25	1,597,234			1,597,234	\$ 2.4906	\$ 3,978,127			\$ 3,978,127	196,000	\$ 2.1787	\$ 427,024
Mar-25	456,352			456,352	\$ 2.4906	\$ 1,136,606			\$ 1,136,606	89,000	\$ 2.1787	\$ 193,904
Total	5,883,688			5,883,688		\$ 14,654,121			\$ 14,654,121	902,000		\$1,965,180
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	NNG	NNG	NNG			ANR	Emerson	Emerson				
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Nov-24	635,634		\$ 1,938,366		Nov-24	90,000						
Dec-24	1,597,234		\$ 7,496,618		Dec-24	248,000						
Jan-25	1,597,234		\$ 9,925,212		Jan-25	279,000						
Feb-25	1,597,234		\$ 9,743,926		Feb-25	196,000						
Mar-25	456,352	\$ 3.3230	\$ 1,516,458		Mar-25	89,000	\$ 2.9180	\$ 259,702				

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Total

Projected Storage Cost - November 2024 through March 2025

*Indexes and projected WACOG based on 6/25/24 market prices and actual wacog through 6/2024

\$ 30,620,579

\$ 15,966,458

5,883,688

Total

Storage Savings (Cost):

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CallPut Options WACOG CallPut Options 10,000 Dth/contract

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*Prices from 6/25/2024 NYMEX market close

Attachment 12: Forecast Methodology for MERC Demand Entitlement Effective November 1, 2024

- 1. Peak-day
 - a. <u>Purpose</u>

Gather data and perform analysis used in the "Petition for Change in Demand" for

MERC, otherwise known as the "MERC Demand Entitlement Filings."

b. Background

MERC customers are served by four pipelines¹

- 1. VGT Viking Gas Transmission system
- 2. NNG Northern Natural Gas pipeline
- 3. GLGT Great Lakes Gas Transmission pipeline
- 4. Centra Centra pipeline

Weather data is obtained from eight weather stations: International Falls, Bemidji,

Cloquet, Fargo, Minneapolis, Rochester, Worthington, and Ortonville.

For analytical purposes, data is subdivided, analyzed, and regressed by the following

nine demand areas:

	Pipeline	PGA	Weather Station(s)
1	Centra	MERC Consolidated	International Falls
2	GLGT	MERC Consolidated	Bemidji
3	GLGT	MERC Consolidated	Cloquet
4	VGT	MERC Consolidated	Fargo
5	NNG	MERC NNG	Cloquet
6	NNG	MERC NNG	Minneapolis
7	NNG	MERC NNG	Ortonville
8	NNG	MERC NNG	Rochester
9	NNG	MERC NNG	Worthington

¹ MERC acquired Interstate Power & Light Company's Minnesota natural gas operations and customers in 2015. The Commission's Order Approving Sale Subject to Conditions in Docket No. G-001,011/PA-14-107 required MERC to maintain the transitioned customers on a separate PGA (MERC–NNG–Albert Lea). Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. G011/GR-15-736, the NNG and NNG–Albert Lea PGAs were consolidated effective July 1, 2017. MERC now submits only two demand entitlement petitions (NNG and Consolidated) for each heating season.

2. Analytical Approach

- a. <u>Summary</u>
- 1. Obtain daily weather data for each weather station.
- 2. Obtain daily total throughput volumes by pipeline and by weather station.
- 3. Obtain daily large volume transportation, interruptible, and joint interruptible volumes by pipeline and by weather station (Data A).
- Obtain daily small volume interruptible volumes by pipeline and by weather station (Data B).
- 5. Calculate daily "firm" volumes by subtracting both Data A and Data B from total throughput volumes.
- 6. Perform quality control on volumetric data (e.g., identify missing or bad reads, and, to the extent possible, fix missing or bad reads).
- Perform firm peak day regressions. In response to comments from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department):
 - a. Incorporate a methodology to mitigate the impact of autocorrelation.
 - b. Provide a reasonable explanation whenever a regression model is selected that does not have an intercept.
- 8. Add back Daily Firm Capacity (DFC) customer selections.
 - 3. Process

The Peak Day Process consisted of:

- I. Data Preparation
- II. Regression Generation of Net Daily Metered Volumes
- III. Volume Risk Adjustments
- IV. Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm Peak Day Estimate
- V. Firm Peak Day Estimate Gate Station Allocation

- i. The Data Preparation consisted of:
- Identify the coldest Adjusted Heating Degree Day (AHDD) since January 1996 for each weather station. Note, this is a change in practice from prior analysis that used a rolling 20-year period. The change was included because many weather stations experienced historically cold weather in the January/February 1996 time period and without inclusion of that additional data from January/February 1996, AHDD were materially lower and not reflective of MERC's capacity needs.
- Determine the most recent three years of December through February daily total metered throughput by pipeline and by weather station.
- Determine the most recent three years of December through February daily large volume transportation, interruptible, and joint interruptible volumes by pipeline and by weather station (Data A).
- Determine the most recent three years of December through February daily small volume interruptible volumes by pipeline and by weather station (Data B).
- Review daily total metered throughput, Data A, and Data B, and identify missing or bad reads, and to the extent possible, fix missing or bad reads. To the extent that the data could not be fixed, it was not included in the regressions.
- Subtract both Data A and Data B daily meter readings for all three December through February years from the total throughput for each pipeline and each weather station. Use the resulting net daily metered volumes for regressions. Examples of transportation, interruptible, and joint interruptible meter readings subtracted are paper mills, direct-connects, taconites, and off-system end users. See "Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm Peak Day Estimate" below.

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Each daily weather station data file was searched to find the coldest Adjusted Heating Degree Day (AHDD65) since January 1996. Many weather stations experienced historically cold weather in the January/February 1996 time period; without inclusion of that additional data from January/February 1996, AHDD65 were materially lower and not reflective of MERC's capacity needs. The coldest AHDD65 data since 1996 is included in the table below, along with the AHDD65 conditions on the day prior ("AHDD65-1").

		<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>			
Station	Date	Temp	Wind	HDD65	<u>AHDD65</u>	<u>AHDD65-1</u>
Bemidji	1/29/2019	-32	14	97	110	84
Cloquet	1/29/2019	-24	16	89	103	74
Fargo	1/18/1996	-16	34	81	109	85
International Falls	2/2/1996	-34	8	99	107	107
Minneapolis	1/29/2019	-20	17	85	100	71
Rochester	1/29/2019	-20	21	85	104	76
Worthington	1/29/2019	-20	21	85	103	81
Ortonville	1/29/2019	-23	14	88	101	77

This data by weather station was then compared to the AHDD65 data used in the

previous demand entitlement filing:

	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>			
<u>Date</u>	Temp	Wind	<u>HDD65</u>	<u>AHDD65</u>	<u>AHDD65-1</u>
2/1/1996	-34	8	99	107	94
2/2/1996	-31	7	96	103	100
1/18/1996	-16	34	81	109	85
2/2/1996	-34	8	99	107	107
2/2/1996	-25	8	90	97	92
2/2/1996	-27	10	92	101	94
1/18/1996	-8	32	73	96	74
1/14/2009	-21	11	86	96	86
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While the January, 2019 cold weather outbreak was significant, it was not considered to be as severe as the weather conditions experienced in 1996. With the exception of Worthington, the 1996 weather conditions overall were colder when considering both the current day and the prior day weather conditions. Following is the data by weather station that was ultimately used in MERC's current analysis:

Station	Date	<u>Avg.</u> Temp	<u>Avg.</u> Wind	HDD65	AHDD65	AHDD65-1
Bemidji	2/1/1996	-34	8	99	107	94
Cloquet	2/2/1996	-31	7	96	103	100
Fargo	1/18/1996	-16	34	81	109	85
International Falls	2/2/1996	-34	8	99	107	107
Minneapolis	2/2/1996	-25	8	90	97	92
Rochester	2/2/1996	-27	10	92	101	94
Worthington	1/29/2019	-20	21	85	103	81
Ortonville	1/14/2009	-21	11	86	95	86

ii. The Regression Generation of Net Daily Metered Volumes consisted of:

- For each of the pipelines and weather stations:
 - Gather the net daily metered volumes and weather station data including AHDD65.²
 - 2. Add indicator variables for day-type and month. Day-type variables are used to isolate load that changes by day of the week, such as commercial or industrial customers who may change their consumption on weekends when they run fewer shifts. Month indicator variables are used to isolate load that changes based on winter months, such as businesses that are open extra hours in December and resume normal operating hours in January.
 - 3. Perform ordinary least squares linear regressions for the 3-year time frame using the AHDD65 weather variable and the significant indicator variables.
 - In response to comments from the Department, the regression methodology incorporates a process to mitigate the impact of autocorrelation. See section below on autocorrelation.

 $^{^2}$ Temperature and weather data were obtained from DTN (formerly Schneider Electric) via DataMaxx then converted to HDD65 and AHDD65 in an Excel spreadsheet by MERC – Gas Supply. Temperature and wind data is the 24-hour average based on the 9am to 9am gas day.

- 5. In response to comments from the Department, provide an explanation whenever we choose to use a regression model that does not have an intercept.
- Summarize the Baseload and Use/AHDD65 and Use/Prior Day AHDD65 from each regression.
- Calculate a point estimate from each regression based on the baseload value plus the Use/AHDD65 coefficient times the coldest AHDD65 since January 1996 and the Use/Prior Day AHDD65 coefficient times the AHDD65 on the day prior to the coldest AHDD65 since January 1996.

iii. Volume Risk Adjustments

Volume risk adjustments were incorporated into the forecast to provide a confidence level that the daily metered load under design conditions would not exceed the daily metered regression estimate. An appropriate volume risk adjustment was determined for each regression group by multiplying the standard error of each regression analysis (sigma) by a factor needed to attain a desired confidence level. The desired confidence level chosen was 97.5%.

iv. Adjusting the Regression Results to a Firm Peak Day Estimate consisted of:

1. Add back DFC customer selections

While transportation, interruptible, and joint interruptible customer volumes were removed (as described above), in order to determine firm peak day load, daily firm capacity volumes needed to be added back. Reporting from the billing system provided historical monthly DFC data for the joint service customers from the prior winter that showed the volume that each customer has selected to receive as firm service from MERC each month. Based on direction from the Company's Gas Supply department, the Joint Firm/ Interruptible customers who were relying on MERC to provide peak day firm supply were identified and their daily firm capacity volumes were summed by month for each pipeline. The total volumes were then added back to the regression results.

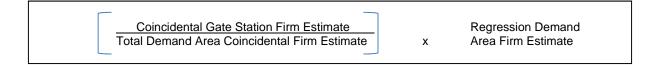
v. Firm Peak Day Estimate Gate Station Allocation:

After the data is subdivided, analyzed, and regressed to the nine demand areas, the data is further subdivided to each Gate Station within each of the nine demand areas. To provide a firm peak day estimate for each Gate Station, the following steps are taken:

- 1. The previous winter's actual historical throughout, by Gate Station, is gathered.
- Estimated transportation, interruptible, and joint interruptible customer volumes are allocated to each Gate Station. The allocation is determined by which Gate Station has the closest geographical location to the customer.
- 3. For each Gate Station, using the last winter's data, the estimated coincidental transportation and interruptible Gate Station non-firm throughput total for the same date of the Gate Station's total throughput peak is then subtracted from the total throughput peak value in order to calculate an estimated coincidental peak firm value for each Gate Station.

Gate Total Throughput Peak – Same Date Location-based estimated Non-Firm Total Throughput = Coincidental Gate Station Firm Estimate

4. Each of the calculated coincidental peak firm values at each Gate Station are then divided by the new demand area total of the coincidental firm peak day estimates, and then multiplied by the initial demand area firm peak day total.



By having the coincidental peak day estimates as a ratio of the intial demand area

estimates, the Gate Station peak day estimates continue to maintain the intial

demand area estimates that resulted from the regression analyses in steps i.

through iv. above.

Exhibit 1 Pipeline and Weather Station Regression Notes

A. Large Volume Transportation, Interruptible, and Joint Interruptible Customers

<u>GLGT</u> Paper Mills =

- Blandin mapped to Bemidji
- Sappi and USG mapped to Cloquet
- <u>VGT</u> Lamb Weston mapped to Fargo
- NNG Taconites / Direct Connects =
 - CCI EMPIRE IND DEL PT 2 TILDEN mapped to Cloquet
 - CCI NORTHSHORE mapped to Cloquet
 - UNITED TACONITE (was EVELETH TACONITE) mapped to Cloquet
 - HIBBING TACONITE CO. mapped to Cloquet
 - U.S. STEEL #1 & #2 mapped to Cloquet
 - NATIONAL STEEL PELLET mapped to Cloquet
 - COTTAGE GROVE TBS LS POWER mapped to Minneapolis
 - INLAND STEEL mapped to Cloquet

<u>NNG</u> OSEU (End Users) =

- ARKEMA INC. mapped to Rochester
- MAYO Clinic 1 Fairmont mapped to Worthington
- MAYO Clinic 2 (Franklin Htg) mapped to Rochester
- MAYO Clinic 3 (St Mary's) mapped to Rochester
- ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND, CO. mapped to Minneapolis
- ASSOCIATED MILK PRODUCTS, INC. mapped to Rochester
- Hawkins Inc. mapped to Minneapolis
- CORRECTIONAL CTR mapped to Minneapolis
- DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA mapped to Rochester
- Dick's Sanitation mapped to Minneapolis
- KEMPS LLC mapped to Rochester
- KERRY BIO-SCIENCE mapped to Rochester
- LAKESIDE mapped to Rochester
- MILK SPECIALTIES mapped to Worthington
- LAND O'LAKES mapped to Rochester
- PRO-CORN mapped to Rochester

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- SWIFT mapped to Worthington
- SENECA FOODS-ROCHESTER mapped to Rochester
- ENGINEERED POLYMERS mapped to Cloquet
- SANDSTONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE mapped to Cloquet
- Agra Resources(Exol) mapped to Rochester
- Halcon Corporation mapped to Rochester
- REG ALBERT LEA, LLC mapped to Rochester
- Zinpro North Branch mapped to Minneapolis

B. Daily Firm Capacity

VGT

- DETROIT LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL
- ROSSMAN SCHOOL

<u>GLGT</u>

• NORTHLAND APTS

<u>NNG</u>

- HENDRICKS HOSPITAL
- BRAND FX BODY INC

4. Autocorrelation Review

The Commission's February 4, 2015, Order in MERC's 2012-2013 demand entitlement

dockets³ required MERC to check its regression models for autocorrelation and correct the model if autocorrelation is present and to provide a reasonable explanation of its use of no-intercept models if it chooses to use one again in the future.

In a regression analysis, using time series data, autocorrelation of the errors is a problem. Autocorrelation of the errors, which themselves are unobserved, can generally be detected because it produces autocorrelation in the observable residuals. (Errors are also known as "error terms" in econometrics.) Autocorrelation violates the ordinary least squares (OLS) assumption that the error terms are uncorrelated. While it does not bias the OLS coefficient estimates, the standard errors tend to be underestimated (and the t-scores overestimated) when the autocorrelations of the errors at low lags are positive. The traditional

³ Docket Nos. G011/M-12-1192, G011/M-12-1193, G011/M-12-1194, and G011/M-12-1195

test for the presence of first-order autocorrelation is the Durbin–Watson statistic or, if the explanatory variables include a lagged dependent variable, Durbin's h statistic. To correct for this use, MERC used the Yule-Walker estimation method within the SAS software package to employ an AR(1) regression which then showed that the Durbin–Watson statistics are all either close to 2 or above.

5. Design-Day Model

Order Point 5 of the Commission's January 21, 2015, Order in MERC's 2010-2011 demand entitlement dockets⁴ required that in future demand entitlement filings, MERC provide (1) the determinants used in its Design-Day models that account for each and every impact on usage associated with economic conditions, and (2) a detailed explanation of each and every cause of unexpected changes in usage that might impact the Design-Day calculation, and what, if any, modifications the Company made to its Design-Day numbers. MERC does not forecast its Design Day using economic variables. Additionally, there were no unexpected changes in the Design-Day forecast.

6. Verification of Regression Analysis Results

Order Point 10 of the Commission's April 28, 2016, Order in Docket No. G011/M-15-722 required that MERC verify its regression analysis results in future demand entitlement filings to ensure the results are consistent with the underlying theory the analysis attempts to explain. MERC has carefully reviewed the results of its regression analysis and verified that the results are consistent with the underlying theory the analysis attempts to explain.

⁴ Docket Nos. G007/M-10-1166, G007/M-10-1167, G011/M-10-1168, and G011/M-10-1169

31, 2016, compliance filing in Docket Nos. G011/M-15-722, G011/M-15-723, and G011/M-15-

724 for further discussion of this issue.

7. Albert Lea Telemetry Data

Order Point 11 of the Commission's April 28, 2016 Order in Docket Nos. G011/M-15-

722, G011/M-15-723, and G011/M-15-724, required:

If the Commission approves MERC's general rate case proposal to consolidate its MERC-NNG and MERC-Albert Lea PGA areas into one PGA area, direct MERC to work with the Department in developing an appropriate Design Day regression analysis methodology for its subsequent demand entitlement petitions until MERC has three years daily interruptible data available for all its interruptible customers for the consolidated NNG PGA area.

MERC has worked with the Department to ensure its design day regression analysis for the

NNG-PGA is reasonable. As of this filing, MERC has completed installation of telemetry for its

former MERC-Albert Lea customers and has sufficient data for these customers to utilize in the

Design Day analysis. For this 2024-2025 Design-Day, MERC has utilized daily telemetry data

for all of the MERC-NNG customers.

ATTACHMENT D

Docket No. G011/M-24-____

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement for its NNG System

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Colleen T. Sipiorski, hereby certify that on the 1st day of August, 2024, on behalf of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) I electronically filed a true and correct copy of MERC's Petition for Approval of a Change in Demand Entitlement on <u>www.edockets.state.mn.us</u>. Said documents were also served via U.S. mail and electronic service as designated on the attached service list.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2024.

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