

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 17, 2017**, with Chair Lange and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY AGENDA

E-004/M-16-1066

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Adjustment Tariff

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Approve Great Plains' request to establish a GUIC tariff rider under Minn. Stat. § 216B.1635.
2. Approve Great Plains' petition to permit recovery of the 2017 revenue requirement (\$456,286) representing the projected revenue requirement for 2017 and the 2017 revenue requirement for the 2016 capital investments that were not included in the 2015 rate case.
3. Approve Great Plains' proposed tracker and true-up mechanism. The true-up calculations must be filed using actual costs and tracker revenue or the twelve months ending October 31 in a December 1 filing to be effective May of the following year.
4. Require Great Plains to add tariff language that the tracker be reset to zero whenever Great Plains implements changes to basic rates as the result of a Commission Order in general rate case.
5. Adopt Great Palins' recommended GUIC adjustment (table 2): include 2016 and 2016 costs and exclude flex rate customers.
6. Approve the following customer notice to be inserted with the customer's bill the month the GUIC is implemented.

On December 21, 2016, Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) requested the Minnesota Public Service Commission (MNPU) for approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) tariff. The establishment of the GUIC adjustment tariff will allow Great Palins to recover out-of-test-year infrastructure investments mandated by federal and state agencies associated with Great Plains' pipeline integrity and safety programs such as the cost of assessments, modifications and replacement of natural gas facilities. The GUIC was approved by the MNPU on ____, 2017.

The per dekatherm adjustment charge approved in the GUIC filing is shown by customer class in the table below. The GUIC is reflected as a separate line item on your monthly gas service statement and will be effective with service rendered on or after _____, 2017.

{Insert Customer Class and Commission-Approved Rate Adjustment}

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7. Require Great Plains, within 20 days of the Commission's order, to submit a compliance filing that includes revised tariff language reflecting the Commission's decision, the proposed effective date of the GUIC cost adjustments appearing on customer bills, and a revised customer notice.

The motion passed 5-0.

G004/GP-16-685

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project in Otter Tail County, Minnesota

Commissioner Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Grant a partial exemption from the pipeline route selection procedures and issue the attached findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order and pipeline route permit.
2. Authorize Commission staff to make further refinements to the finds of fact and route permit conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with the record, the language of recently issued permits, and the Commission's decision on this matter.

The motion passed 5-0.

E-017/M-16-276

E-017/M-17-256

In the Matter of the Otter Tail Power Company's 2015/2016 Annual Safety, Reliability, Service Quality Report, and Proposed Annual Reliability Standards for 2017

Commissioner Schuerger moved that the Commission:

1. Accept Otter Tail's 2015/2016 Annual Reports.
2. Find that the Company's reliability standards for 2017 shall remain frozen at the level of the 2013 goals until OTP demonstrates further improvement in meeting its performance goals:

Recommended Goals for 2017

Work Center	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI
Bemidji	70.64	1.26	56.06
Crookston	69.33	1.19	58.26
Fergus Falls	66.97	1.11	60.33
Milbank	75.49	1.82	41.48
Morris	55.78	1.01	55.23
Wahpeton	57.24	1.13	50.65
All MN Customers	64.95	1.13	57.48

3. Required the Company to include in its next annual filing:
- a. benchmarking of Otter Tail’s performance using the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers reliability standards;
 - b. a discussion of impacts of reliability by customer class; and
 - c. a discussion of the work the Company is doing to withstand and recover from longer term outage events.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: November 15, 2017



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary