

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions

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PUC Agenda Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2017

9:30 AM

Large Hearing Room

INTRODUCTION

DECISION ITEMS

1. ** G008/GR-17-285

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

In the Matter of the Application by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota.

Should this filing be accepted? If so, should the proposed rates be suspended, this matter referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and interim rates set as requested by the Company? (PUC: **Alonso**, **Bonnett, Kaml, Krishnan**)

Rate Case Filing accepted; proposed rates suspended; interim rates approved using capital structure from previous rate case; referred to OAH.

2. * G008/MR-17-591

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's Filing to Establish a New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing, Docket No. G008/GR-17-285.

Should the Commission approve the proposed new base cost of gas? (PUC: **Alonso, Bonnett**)

Approved; required updated information on the commodity cost of gas.

- * E,G999/CI-12-1344 Rate-Regulated Energy Utilities
 In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Privacy Policies of
 Rate-Regulated Energy Utilities.
 - 1. Should the Commission approve the Consent Form proposed by

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Great Plains Natural Gas Company?

- 2. Should the Commission approve the Consent Form proposed by Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation?
- 3. Should the Commission approve the Consent Form proposed by CenterPoint Energy?
- 4. Should the Commission modify its Consent Form approval process? (PUC: **O'Grady**)

Forms approved; approval process revised.

4. ** E015/RP-15-690; Minnesota Power E015/AI-17-568

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 2015-2029 Integrated Resource Plan:

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of the EnergyForward Resource Package.

Should the Commission grant Minnesota Power's request for an extension to file its next integrated resource plan?
Is Minnesota Power's proposed procedural process reasonable? (PUC: Stalpes)

Required MP to refile an updated petition limited to portions relevant to proposed gas plant; referred gas plant proceeding to OAH for contested case; established parameters of proceeding and requested Report by July 2; extended date for next IRP to October 1, 2019.

5. ** E015/M-16-564; Minnesota Power E015/GR-16-664 (OAH Docket No. 5-2500-34078)

In the Matter of a Revised Petition by Minnesota Power (MP) for a

Competitive Rate for Energy-Intensive Trade-Exposed (EITE)
Customers and an EITE Cost Recovery Rider;
In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota.

Should the Commission approve, modify, or reject Minnesota Power's proposed EITE surcharge/refund mechanism, low-income customer outreach strategy, and customer communications plan? (PUC: **O'Grady, Kaml**)

Approved exclusion of rider revenue from 2016 baseline; required:
1) use of actual 2016 EITE customer revenue as baseline for refundable increases; 2) use of revenues for refund; 3) development of method for tracking number of exempt customers; 4) automatic exemption of customers receiving CWR protection; development of

internal processes to verify eligibility for exemption; provision of EITE applications and establishment of process for return; and reporting of number of exemptions granted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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