

September 26, 2017

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

RE: **Center Point Energy's Request to Extend its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism**  
Docket No. G-008/GR-13-316

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On September 1, 2017, CenterPoint Energy (CenterPoint or the Company) submitted a letter requesting that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) extend its present revenue decoupling rider (RD Rider) that was approved as a three-year year pilot program in the Company's 2013 rate case, Docket No. G-008/GR-13-316. CenterPoint requests that the Rider be extended until the Commission makes a final determination regarding the Company's request to continue the RD Rider in the 2017 rate case (Docket No. G008/GR-17-285). The RD Rider will end on June 30, 2018; however, the RD Rider adjustment for the last evaluation period is expected to be in effect from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, with a final true-up. Absent Commission action, the RD rider will expire on June 30, 2018.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) supports CenterPoint's request. Extending the RD Rider until the Commission makes a final decision on decoupling in the 2017 rate case avoids the potential of a "gap" in the decoupling program which could be both confusing to customers and harmful to the Company or customers. The Department recommends that the Commission **approve CenterPoint's extension request.**

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ CHRISTOPHER T. DAVIS  
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce  
Comments**

**Docket No. G008/GR-13-316**

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017**

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