

Comments must be received by July 28, 2016 at 4:30pm

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Comments:
<p>When I first started ^{buying} your natural gas my bill was for the cost of the gas. It did not have all the add-ons like it does now. I'm looking at a bill ^{from} service from 2/7/16 to 3/4/16 for \$81.38. If you subtract my repair plan it would leave \$5.43, that's about 50% above the true gas cost of \$2.06. I think Minn Energy has enough cost add-ons already and there should be a little of their already too much profit to pay for that Rochester project.</p> <p>Clifford L. Evjen</p>

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SIR:

MINNESOTA PUBLIC
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My name is Gregory S. Hudok
and I live at 5855 Lower 182nd West
in Farmington Minn. As a
resident of Farmington I don't
feel I should be charged for
improvements in Rochester Minn.
People in Rochester have never
paid for any improvements here.
I am recently retired and live
on a fixed income. I also
burn fire wood in winter
to help heat my House to go
along with the Nat. gas.
If work is done on my street
I am assed by the city
and my taxes go up unless
I pay cash. When are these
increases ever going to stop!
I pay my bills and other people
should pay for their own!
Please excuse my writing as
I have a newer proplan in
my hand. I'm also sure this note
will not help at all, as it probably is
already a done deal! they always are!
654.

1904 South Lake Irving Drive S.W.
Bemidji, MN 56601
July 4, 2016



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E
Suite 350
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101
Re: Docket 15-895

Dear Sirs:

I have the following objections to the MERC charges for extension to Rochester Minnesota.

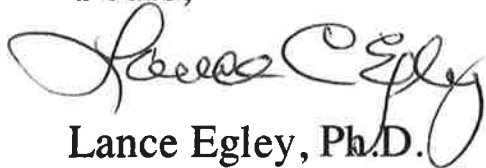
The notice of hearing is inadequate because there is no statement of the duration over which the proposed rate increases need to occur to pay for the project. The hearing locations are inadequate for a proposal to spread the costs throughout the State of Minnesota, since all but one location are in the Rochester, MN area. There needs to be hearing sites across the State for this purpose.

I oppose spreading the cost of increasing the capacity of service to Rochester, MN throughout the State. When the City of Bemidji extended sewer and water past my house and required me to pay and connect, they spread the costs over only the active project area, not the entire City. This is the appropriate model to pay for the extension or increased capacity of public utilities. In addition, the increased needs of Rochester, MN for natural gas depend in great part on the expansion of the Mayo Clinic. This expansion is one to which we have already contributed through tax subsidies. It is

inappropriate to provide further subsidy to the development of Rochester to accommodate Mayo's expansion needs in guise of Public Utility Regulation. The answer to the question of "What alternative would be more reasonable?" seems transparent. Residents and businesses of the Rochester area served by the pipeline expansion should pay the costs of expansion.

Please enter these as official comments to the proposed regulation and answer each of them, including the comments about the adequacy of the notice.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Egley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lance" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Egley".

Lance Egley, Ph.D.

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MPUC DOCKET NUMBER G-011/M-15-895

DAH DOCKET NUMBER 68-2500-33191

Comments for Minn Power Rate Increase

Rate no.

No increase for retired people since 2008 in income.

They did not refund the last increase to people who were on Heating Assistance.

I suggest that the stock holders get a little less money.

Taconite & forest industry are still making a profit. Send their stock holders a little less money.

Let me know when the CEO is on Food Stamps. Then we can talk.

Christine TETZLAFF

23 NELSON DR.

SILVER BAY, MN 55614

My food costs are higher all the time, but my income is not.


International Monetary Fund tells the USA that there are too many poor people in this country.

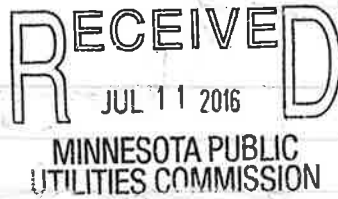
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Name Judith LUCHSINGER	Address 4195 Beaver Dam Road
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<p>Comments: I'm Opposed To Paying For Rochester's Gas Project. Most of The People in my Townhouse Assoc. are retired. My Pension has been Frozen For Two years, No Increases. Last year, we had to pay for roof & siding. (Everyone in the Assoc.) This year we have to pay for Road repair! Enough is Enough!! We have all we can do, To pay our own bills.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
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207- Kent Road
Hoyt Lakes, Mn. 557
July 7, 2016

Re: MPUC Docket Number G-011/M-15-895
OAH Docket Number G8-2500-33191

Gentlemen,

I wish to address the Rochester Natural Gas Extension as per above reference.

As a customer of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation, located here in Hoyt Lakes, on the Iron Range, I wish to request the following.

1. The rate increases be placed on the billing for the Rochester people, who will benefit from the gas.
2. Rochester area benefits from a larger population, with higher income per person, plus more business stores, etc - than here on the Iron Range.
3. As a utility with a monopoly, we customers have no other gas company choices.
4. The Iron Range is presently suffering from lack of employment both in the mines & other business opportunities. Once rates are increased for paying off construction costs - rates are not reduced in the future.

#5 Presently we have numerous houses for sale, as people have moved out of the area, due to the lack of jobs. Adding more cost to an already stressed area adds to the problem.

#6 As a corporation, they should offer bonds for the needed money or borrow it on the open market - not just tack it on their customers! Cost cutting?!

#7 As a retired person, age 78, one becomes aware of increased fees on electric rates, telephone rates, T.V. hookups for land lines. - pass thru of lots of corporation state taxes, fees, etc. to the customer already.

8. As an older person, the banks pay nothing on CD's & Savings - thus our income is stopped, and the government has not increased pensions - so it is one step forward, two steps backward! - for older people. Some folks are being taxed out of their homes. But I doubt that they are, in the Rochester area, with Mayo being the big employer!! etc.

Sincerely,

Howard Heath

July 26, 2016

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To whom it may concern:

1 Regarding: MPRC Docket No. 601/M-15-895
OAH Docket No. 68-2500-73191

2 Name & Connection: John R. Jansen
19234 Highland Shores
Pine City, MN 55063

Bill paying customer of MN Energy Resources

3 Issues of Concern: How long will we
be billed for these issues? 2 years? 3 years
? forever? After paid for will we
have owner rights? Will owner rights exist
after paid back what was invested?

4 Recommendations: 5 years, Yes to
all others.

5 Reasons for recommendations: 5 years is
almost too long to finance this amount of
money. Straight line business logic as
taught by U of M, Mpls

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To: MPUC, ST. PAUL, MN.

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It is not reasonable that all project costs be recovered from all of MERC's Minnesota customers.

Rochester area customers should pay for their own Natural Gas Extension Project. Our area does not benefit from this project. Our costs are high enough now. We don't need an increase in our bill now or in the future. Thank you.

Name: Helen Murphy

Address: P.O. Box 614

Telephone: 507-764-7306

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Name <i>Duane G Bond</i>	Address <i>101 SWANSON DR.</i>
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Comments:

I DON'T FEEL CUSTOMERS SHOULD PAY FOR A PIPE LINE FOR A CO. THAT GETS THE REVENUE OFF THE LINE. THIS IS NOT A STATE OWNED CO. NO ONE PAID FOR MY CO. THIS PIPE LINE WILL NOT HELP AREA.

PUC Docket # G-011-GP-15-858

*Thank you
Duane Bond*



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July 21, 2016

To: MPUC, ST. PAUL, MN.

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Concerning the Rochester Natural Gas Extension
Project Cost Recovery:

It is not fair that the five public hearings were at a distance from our locale. If we are to pay for this project, hearings should have been in Fairmont, Jackson, and Blue Earth. We should have had an opportunity to speak! The PUBLIC HEARING in September 2016 should be in our area.

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Comments:

I do not believe it is reasonable to charge all of MERC's mn customers for the one area project. I am a disabled Veteran and do not have money to spend on something that won't benefit me.

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Ben J. Cuba

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