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Mr. Daniel Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Tariff Revision Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 192.383 on
Excess Flow Valves
Docket No. G004/M-17-___

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains), a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc., herewith electronically submits a Petition for Approval of Revisions to Great Plains' natural gas tariffs to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383 regarding the installation of excess flow valves (EFV) on existing service lines. Great Plains requests approval of the following rate schedules provided in Exhibit 1.

- Exhibit 1- Proposed Tariff Sheets (Section 6)
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Original Sheet No. 6-37

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me, at (701) 222-7856, or Brian Meloy, at (612) 335-1451.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tamie A. Aberle

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc: Brian Meloy

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Nancy Lange	Chair
Dan Lipschultz	Vice Chair
Matt Schuerger	Commissioner
John Tuma	Commissioner
Katie Sieben	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Gas for Approval of Proposed Tariff Revisions to Comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383 regarding the installation of excess flow valves (EFV) on existing service lines.)
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SUMMARY OF FILING

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TARIFF SHEETS TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATION 49 CFR Part 192.383 REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF EXCESS FLOW VALVES (EFV) ON EXISTING SERVICE LINES.

I. Introduction

Great Plains Natural Gas Co., (Great Plains) a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. submits this Petition for approval of proposed revisions to its natural gas tariff to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383 regarding the installation of excess flow valves (EFV) on existing service lines. Federal Pipeline Safety Regulation 49 CFR 192.383 requires natural gas companies to notify customers about the availability of an EFV for installation on an existing service line serving their home or office. Great Plains notified customers as required and now proposes to revise its tariffs in order to charge customers requesting the installation of an excess flow valve on an existing service line the actual cost of the installation. Proposed tariff language is included in Great Plains natural gas tariff, Section 6 as noted below:

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Great Plains currently installs an EFV on all new and replacement service lines in accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations and this proposed change is applicable only to those customers requesting the installation of an EFV on existing service lines.

Great Plains Minnesota currently has approximately 19,369 service lines that would be affected by this proposed change.

II. General Filing Information

Pursuant to Minn. Rules Part 7825.1300, Subpart 3, Great Plains provides the following general information:

Utility:	Great Plains Natural Gas Co. A Division of MDU Resources Group Inc.
Company's Attorneys:	Brian M. Meloy Stinson Leonard 150 South 5 th Street Minneapolis, MN 55402
Date of Filing:	August 18, 2017
Proposed Effective Date:	October 18, 2017
Controlling Statute for Time in Processing the Filing:	60 days' notice
Utility personnel authorizing the filing and to whom copies of correspondence, pleadings, and notices should be sent.	Tamie A. Aberle Director of Regulatory Affairs Great Plains Natural Gas Co. 400 North 4 th Street Bismarck, ND 58501

III. Description of Filing

A. Petitioner

Great Plains is a Minnesota public utility as defined in Minn. Stat. S 216B.02, Subd. 4 and operates as a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. Great Plains is engaged in business as a natural gas local distribution company serving 18 communities in Minnesota and one community in North Dakota. Great Plains currently provides natural gas utility services to approximately 21,780 Minnesota customers and 2,200 customers in North Dakota.

B. The Proposal

Great Plains request approval of proposed revisions to its natural gas tariff to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383 regarding the installation of excess flow valves (EFV) on existing service lines. Federal Pipeline Safety Regulation 49 CFR 192.383 requires natural gas companies to notify customers about the availability of an EFV for installation on an existing service line serving their home or office. Great Plains notified customers as required and now proposes to revise its tariffs in order to charge customers requesting the installation of an excess flow valve on an existing service line the actual cost of the installation. It is estimated that the cost of a typical installation is approximately \$650, however estimates for cost and time frame for construction will be provided as requested on a case by case basis.

Great Plains has provided the notice required under 49 CFR Part 192.383 (e) to customers via a bill insert, included as Exhibit 2 and the same information is also available on the Company's website. As of the date of this filing no Great Plains customers have requested the installation of an EFV on their existing service line.

IV. Conclusion

Based on the information provided in this Petition, Great Plains respectfully request that the Commission approve the proposed tariffs as identified in Section 6 of this filing.

Dated: August 18, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamie A. Aberle

Tamie A. Aberle

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Exhibit 1

Exhibit 1



GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.

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GENERAL Terms and Conditions

CURTAILMENT – A reduction of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by the Company. Also includes any reduction of transportation natural gas service deemed necessary by the pipeline.

CUSTOMER – Any individual, partnership, corporation, firm, other organization or government agency supplied with service by Company at one location and at one point of delivery unless otherwise expressly stated in these rules or in a rate schedule.

DECATHERM (DK)- 10 therms.

DELIVERY POINT – The point at which customer assumes custody of the gas being transported. This point will normally be at the outlet of Company's meter(s) located on customer's premises.

EXCESS FLOW VALVE – Safety device designed to automatically stop or restrict the flow of gas if an underground pipe is broken or severed.

FLEXIBLE RATE CUSTOMER - An interruptible service customer qualifying for a flexible rate provision as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

GAS DAY – Means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours, beginning and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time.

INTERRUPTION – A cessation of transportation or retail natural gas service deemed necessary by Company.

INTERRUPTIBLE CUSTOMER - A customer qualifying for service as prescribed in the interruptible service rate schedules.

NOMINATION – The daily dk quantity of natural gas requested by customer for transportation and delivery to customer at the delivery point during a gas day.

NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER - Service provided to a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for non-residential purposes. Typical service includes stores, offices, shops, restaurants, boarding houses, hotels, service garages, wholesale houses, filling stations, barber shops, beauty parlors, common areas of shopping malls, schools, etc.

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PIPELINE – The transmission company(s) delivering natural gas into company's system.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER - A customer using natural gas for residential use (space heating, cooling, water heating, clothes drying, etc.) through an individual meter in a single family dwelling or building, or for residential use in an individual apartment, mobile home, or for residential use in not over four households served by a single meter in a multiple family dwelling. Residential premises used regularly for professional or business purposes (doctor's office, small store, etc.) are considered residential where the residential natural gas usage is half or more of the total gas usage.

RATE – Shall mean and include every compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental and classification, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by the Company for any service, product, or commodity, offered by the Company to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts affecting any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification.

RECEIPT POINT – The intertie between Company and the interconnecting pipeline(s) at which point Company assumes custody of the gas being transported.

SHIPPER – The party with whom the Pipeline has entered into a service agreement for transportation services

THERM - A unit of heat equal to 100,000 Btu's.

TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER - A customer who qualifies for transportation service as prescribed in the transportation service rate schedules and that has entered into a gas transportation agreement with the Company to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to the Company's border station on the customer's behalf.

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28. EXCESS FLOW VALVE - In accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383, the Company will install an excess flow valve on an existing service line at the customer's request at a mutually agreeable date. The actual cost of the installation will be assessed to the customer.

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Excess Flow Valve (EFV)

NOTIFICATION

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued a new pipeline safety regulation requiring natural gas utility companies to notify customers about the availability of Excess Flow Valves (EFV) for installation on the natural gas service line to their home or business.

What is an EFV?

An EFV is a safety device designed to automatically stop or restrict the flow of natural gas if an underground pipe is broken or severed. Such damage is usually the result of some type of excavation. Although an EFV may help limit the effects or damage of such an incident, the best way to protect against such incidents is to ensure that anyone excavating on your property has called 811 to have underground service lines properly marked before digging. Installation of an EFV will not protect against customer appliance gas leaks, small gas service line punctures or gas meter leaks. EFVs are not available for some customers due to the amount of gas used, areas with delivery pressure less than 10 psi or other circumstances that hinder the effectiveness of the EFV.

Where is an EFV installed?

The EFV is installed underground on the service line that runs between the gas main located in public right of way or a dedicated utility easement and the natural gas meter. Generally the EFV is installed as close as possible to the gas main. In some instances the location may need to be installed further from the gas main to accommodate interference from other buried structures.

How much does it cost to have an EFV installed?

If you would like to have an EFV installed in your service line please contact Great Plains Natural Gas at 1-877-267-4764 or email customerservice@gpng.com. The installation is estimated to be \$650, but the actual installation cost varies depending on the difficulty of the installation. The customer may be responsible for costs associated with installation, replacing or maintaining the EFV. Estimates for cost and time frame for construction will be provided as requested on a case by case basis. The EFV will be installed at a time that is mutually agreeable to the company and customer. Since the EFV will be installed on Great Plains' gas pipe, only Great Plains or its approved contractors may perform the installation.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**