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## **NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT PERIOD**

Issued: May 2, 2018

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-Up Report for 2017, Forecasted Revenue Requirements for 2018, and Revised Adjustment Factors

PUC Docket Number(s): G-002/M-17-787

**Comment Period:** Xcel Energy shall provide initial comments by May 29, 2018 at 4:30pm

The Department and any other interested party shall provide reply

comments by June 29, 2018 at 4:30pm

All comment periods in this notice may be varied by the Commission upon request for good cause, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7829.

The Commission may determine that it will not consider comments received after the close of the comment period.

## **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission address the \$6.8 million decrease in depreciation expense discussed in Xcel Energy's five-year depreciation study (Docket No. E,G-002/D-17-581) in Xcel Energy's Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) rider petition, in this docket?
- If so, how should the Commission address the decrease in depreciation expense (e.g. with a corresponding adjustment) in the GUIC petition? If not, why not?
- How should the Commission handle similar issues in the future?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

## Background:

On November 1, 2017, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy submitted its Petition, Compliance Filing, and Annual Report to the Commission requesting recovery of an updated GUIC revenue requirement through the GUIC Rider for 2018. The requested revenue requirement totals approximately \$27.5 million, subject to actual cost true-up.

On April 26, 2018, at its agenda meeting, during the discussion regarding the certification of Xcel's five-year depreciation study in Docket No. E,G-002/D-17-581, the Commission directed Commission staff to "prepare and issue a notice for supplemental comments in Xcel's pending 2018 Gas Utility

Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) proceeding, in Docket No. G-002/M-17-787, that requires Xcel to address the gas utility's \$6.8 Million decrease in depreciation expense and the appropriateness of using a true-up or some other kind of adjustment in the GUIC rider to reflect this decrease in depreciation expense."

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