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November 19, 2019

Mr. Daniel Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing (G-008/GR-19-524) **Docket No. G-008/MR-19-525**

Reply to November 12, 2019 Department of Commerce Comments

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On October 28, 2019 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas ("CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas" or "Company") filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") an Application for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota, and concurrently adjust Base Cost of Gas Rates.

On November 12, 2019, the Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Department") filed Comments concluding the Company complied with the requirements of Minnesota Rules part 7825.2700, subpart 2 and recommended the Commission withhold a decision on CenterPoint Energy's base cost of gas filing until the Company provides additional information as detailed in the Department's *Comments* and provided below.

Demand Gas Costs: Rate Case v. November 2019 PGA

CenterPoint Energy appreciates the Department's finding that the information provided is generally consistent between the rate case and base cost of gas filings. The Company confirms minor differences between rate case and base cost of gas filings and its November 2019 PGA filing results from using updated information:

- Seasonal Swing Reservation fees in the G-0008/GR-19-524 Rate Case reflect the costs for the 2018-2019 heating season while updated Reservation fees were included in the November 2019 PGA and Supplemental Demand filing made on November 1, 2019 in Docket No. G-008/M-19-278. These Reservation fees were not contracted for at the time of the rate case preparation.
- Propane cost estimates used were updated to reflect 2019 Rate Case test-year cost estimates, while the November 2019 PGA reflects the value from the 2017 final estimate.
- Firm Sales Volumes used to determine demand cost recovery rate in the rate case are the expected Firm Sales predicted for the test-year while the November 2019 PGA used final settlement firm sales volumes from the Company's 2017 Rate Case.
- 4. In addition, estimated annual costs shown for the demand-assigned portion of the Natural Gas Pipeline ("NGPL") storage cost differ between the 2019 Rate Case and the November 2019 PGA. The value in the rate case reflects a reduction in the annual cost due to a portion of the expense ending effective early in the test period.

Overall – the November 2019 PGA cost estimate was \$121,011,159¹, while the estimate established for rate case purposes was \$120,142,541². The Company agrees these discrepancies are similar to those noted in prior rate cases and should not require changing the rate case estimated cost.

Demand Gas Costs: Cost Incurred v. Cost Recovery.

The Department observed a difference in costs between the estimated incurred demand cost of \$120,142,541³ and the Company's estimated demand cost recovery of \$120,142,770⁴. The difference, as noted by the Department and agreed to by CenterPoint Energy results from demand cost recovery using a per-unit rate in the billing system that is rounded to the fourth decimal place per dekatherm, whereas demand costs are incurred as a total amount. This difference does not materially affect the base demand cost of gas included in the rate case.

¹ Docket No. G-008/AA-19-679, Schedule D and G-008/M-19-278 on 11/1/2019, Exhibit A, Page 1 of 2.

² Docket No. G-008/GR-19-524, Exh___(MAK-WP), Sch 38, Workpaper 2.

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⁴Docket No. G-008/GR-19-524, Exh___(MAK-WP), Schedule 38, page 6 of 7, sum of lines 20+23.

Commodity Gas Cost:

When setting the \$3.0026/dekatherm commodity cost for the rate case, the Company used the same general process in estimating commodity costs as used in prior rate cases. The Company historically used publicly available data from the CME Group to track basis costs at Northern Natural Gas' (NNG) Ventura delivery point. In estimating costs delivered to its customers, the estimate assumes a price estimate for gas delivered to Henry Hub, the nationally recognized central trading point, and adjusts the cost for delivery to Ventura, lowa to better match our market price. The Company notes this is for forecasting purposes only, as on an actual basis the Company contracts for gas delivery at a number of NNG and Viking delivery points, but Ventura is its single largest delivery point which the Company then uses at the best price estimate for commodity cost forecasting purposes.

Data for the CME group did not extend into the test year when the price estimate was set, so the established estimate of \$3.0026 per dekatherm used in the rate case reflects only the NYMEX estimates from April 2019 for the test year. After receiving the Department's comments, the Company was able to obtain Ventura basis data from another source⁵ which would result in an estimated commodity cost of \$3.2161 per dekatherm, as shown on Attachment A to these reply comments.⁶ The Company does not propose increasing the base cost of gas based on the updated Ventura basis estimates; however, if the base cost of gas were increased, corresponding updates impact and flow through Mary Kirk's Schedule 38, pages 1 through 7. The resulting impact to these schedules are included in Attachment A of these reply comments for illustrative purposes and increase the rate case revenue requirement. The Company agrees with the Department's analysis that the NYMEX estimates used appear to be appropriate.

Commodity Gas Costs: Incurred v. Recovered

Similar to the estimates for demand costs, there are noted minor discrepancies in the total costs depending on whether rounded sales and/or rounded per-unit rates are used in estimates provided. The Company provides Attachment 3 from the base cost of gas filing without rounding, as requested.

Conclusion

While CenterPoint Energy is providing the requested Ventura pricing updates using the alternate sourced Ventura Basis data, it is not requesting updates to the base

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⁵ Historical data provided by Risked Revenue Energy Associates, a company that provides CNP with Hedging purchase advice as noted in its Gas Supply Plan – Docket No. G-008/M-15-912 on July 22,2019 beginning on page 37.

⁶ See Attachment A, which illustrates updates to Exhibit__(MAK-WP), Sch 38, Workpapers 1 and 3 which detail the commodity cost calculation that incorporates the Ventura basis estimate. Also included are illustrative updates to Mary Kirk's Schedule 38; (Exhibit__(MAK-D) Schedule 38, pages 1 through 7.

commodity cost of gas proposed for implementation at the start of the rate case test year. Several revenue items used in the case would also be impacted by this update. For example, the change would increase the costs of certain items such as bad debt expense and working capital, also increasing the overall revenue requirement. In previous rate cases, the Company has provided updated information related to gas costs during the rate case process and can provide similar updates during this rate case, as well.

Please contact me at (612) 321-5078, or via email at marie.doyle@centerpointenergy.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marie M. Doyle

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Test Year Commodity Cost-of-Gas

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Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation - Minnesota

		(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) + (2)	(4) = (3) * 2.88%	(5) = (3) + (4)
		Gas Supply Forecast	Ventura	Base	Fuel/LUFG	Total
	<u>Month</u>	Henry Hub \$/MCF	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>2.88%</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	Jan-19			\$4.69	\$0.135	4.8251
2	Feb-19			\$3.29	\$0.095	3.3848
3	Mar-19			\$2.83	\$0.082	2.9115
4	Apr-19			\$2.48	\$0.071	2.5514
5	May-19			\$2.17	\$0.062	2.2325
6	Jun-19	\$2.72	(0.335)	\$2.385	\$0.069	2.4537
7	Jul-19	\$2.76	(0.293)	\$2.467	\$0.071	2.5380
8	Aug-19	\$2.76	(0.293)	\$2.467	\$0.071	2.5380
9	Sep-19	\$2.75	(0.345)	\$2.405	\$0.069	2.4743
10	Oct-19	\$2.81	(0.320)	\$2.490	\$0.072	2.5617
11	Nov-19	\$2.99	0.044	\$3.034	\$0.087	3.1214
12	Dec-19	\$3.11	0.444	\$3.554	\$0.102	3.6564
13	Jan-20	\$3.18	0.640	\$3.820	\$0.110	3.9300
14	Feb-20	\$3.12	0.633	\$3.753	\$0.108	3.8611
15	Mar-20	\$2.95	0.073	\$3.023	\$0.087	3.1101
16	Apr-20	\$2.69	(0.224)	\$2.466	\$0.071	2.5370
17	May-20	\$2.62	(0.293)	\$2.327	\$0.067	2.3940
18	Jun-20	\$2.62	(0.327)	\$2.293	\$0.066	2.3590
19	Jul-20	\$2.66	(0.252)	\$2.408	\$0.069	2.4774
20	Aug-20	\$2.65	(0.250)	\$2.400	\$0.069	2.4691
21	Sep-20	\$2.63	(0.292)	\$2.338	\$0.067	2.4053
22	Oct-20	\$2.67	(0.276)	\$2.394	\$0.069	2.4629
23	Nov-20	\$2.78	0.068	\$2.848	\$0.082	2.9300
24	Dec-20	\$2.95	0.385	\$3.335	\$0.096	3.4310

⁽¹⁾ Gas Price forecast is provided by Gas Supply Group for 2019 Forecast (May 2019 Update)

⁽²⁾ Ventura Basis - Latest 10 week average (through 04/13/19)

⁽⁴⁾ Fuel: 1.38%, LUFG: 1.50%

Test Year Commodity Cost-of-Gas

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Exhibit ___(MAK-WP), Schedule 38
Workpaper 1, Page 1 of 1

Total Commodity Cost-of-Gas Estimate: Forecast of monthly sales volumes (G. Fitzpatrick) multiplied by projected monthly gas delivered at Ventura.(In Dth)

	(A) SALES SERVICE	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(1)	(J) (A) through (I)	(K)	(L= J x K)
											COG	Total
											COM\$/Dth	Commodity
	Month	Res	ComA	ComInd B	ComIndC (S)	LV-Firm (S)	SVDF A-S	SVDF B-S	LVDF-Sales [2]	Sales Total	[1]	Amount
1	Jan-20	13,881,879	495,448	1,218,250	6,342,639	176,963	737,077	409,173	712,140	23,973,569	\$3.9300	\$94,216,126
2	Feb-20	12,925,200	478,632	1,149,975	6,163,049	160,610	628,095	364,988	730,554	22,601,103	\$3.8611	\$87,265,120
3	Mar-20	10,914,075	384,939	959,045	5,421,475	142,196	500,188	296,894	700,041	19,318,853	\$3.1101	\$60,083,565
4	Apr-20	6,953,616	228,208	596,966	3,817,383	131,978	318,933	206,540	620,172	12,873,796	\$2.5370	\$32,660,820
5	May-20	4,117,689	125,567	327,618	2,438,034	89,699	159,247	128,300	438,694	7,824,848	\$2.3940	\$18,732,686
6	Jun-20	2,097,620	51,431	156,739	1,387,752	86,194	113,471	100,075	392,644	4,385,926	\$2.3590	\$10,346,399
7	Jul-20	1,533,380	37,166	118,604	1,030,141	84,220	101,939	90,611	407,600	3,403,661	\$2.4774	\$8,432,230
8	Aug-20	1,371,444	37,190	100,543	897,199	95,471	98,594	101,953	443,267	3,145,661	\$2.4691	\$7,766,952
9	Sep-20	1,535,208	40,118	122,663	989,850	90,608	119,281	99,727	454,956	3,452,411	\$2.4053	\$8,304,084
10	Oct-20	2,272,928	57,370	135,316	1,397,555	123,468	305,377	188,097	699,887	5,179,998	\$2.4629	\$12,757,817
11	Nov-20	5,129,076	129,218	352,913	2,645,594	149,621	476,772	272,394	754,433	9,910,021	\$2.9300	\$29,036,362
12	Dec-20	9,718,040	307,539	772,838	4,529,775	154,062	658,466	376,920	641,425	17,159,065	\$3.4310	\$58,872,752
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14	TY 2020	72,450,155	2,372,826	6,011,470	37,060,446	1,485,090	4,217,440	2,635,672	6,995,813	133,228,912	\$3.2161	\$428,474,913

^{[1] -} Estimate from Gas Supply - 5/2019 - Revised to include indicated Ventura Basis estimate

^{[2] -} sales after curtailments are removed

CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas Base Cost of Gas - Change from Current Docket No. G-008/GR-19-524 Exhibit__ (MAK-D) Schedule 38, page 1 of 7

Workpaper summarizes proposed changes from currently approved rates to proposed Interim Rates

Line	ADJUSTN	IENT OF BASE YEAR COST OF GAS RATE TO	O TEST YEAR COST OF	GAS RATE	
No. (a) (b) (c) (d)			Current		Test Year
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CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas Base Cost of Gas - Change from Current

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1	SALES SERVICE (Continued):			
2	Firm / Interruptible			
3	Firm-C / Small Volume Dual Fuel-A	455.50	40.00	455.50
4	Basic Charge	\$55.50	\$0.00	\$55.50
5	Firm C: Delivery Charge 1/	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
6 7	SVDF-A: Delivery Charge 1/	0.12421	0.00000	0.12421
	Firm: GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
8 9	Firm C: Cost of Gas SVDF-A: Cost of Gas	0.40410 0.32426	0.01884	
			(0.00265)	0.32161
10	Firm C: Total Rate	0.55764	0.01884	0.57648
11 12	SVDF:A: Total Rate	0.44847	(0.00265)	0.44582
13	Firm C / Small Volume Dual Fuel B			
14	Firm-C / Small Volume Dual Fuel-B Basic Charge	\$88.50	\$0.00	\$88.50
15	Firm C: Delivery Charge 1/	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
16		0.11497	0.00000	0.13334
17	SVDF-B: Delivery Charge 1/			0.00000
18	Firm: GAP Charge Firm C: Cost of Gas	0.00000	0.00000	0.42294
18	SVDF-B: Cost of Gas	0.40410	0.01884	
20	Firm C: Total Rate	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161 0.57648
21	SVDF:B: Total Rate	0.55764 0.43923	0.01884 (0.00265)	0.37648
22	SVDF.B. Total Rate	0.45925	(0.00263)	0.43036
23	Large Conord Firm / Large Values Duel Fue	d.		
23 24	Large General Firm/ Large Volume Dual Fue Basic Charge	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
25	LG Firm: Demand Charge (per unit of Peak	·	\$0.00	\$900.00
26	LG Firm: Demand Delivery Charge 1/	0.42990	0.00000	0.42990
27	LG Demand Cost of Gas	0.56090	0.14014	0.70104
28	LG Firm Total Demand	0.99080	0.14014	1.13094
29	EG TITIT TOTAL DEMAND	0.55080	0.14014	1.13094
30	LG Firm: Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
31	LVDF - Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
32	Firm: GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
33	Large Firm: Commodity Cost of Gas	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161
34	LVDF: Commodity Cost of Gas	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161
35	Large General Firm: Commodity Rate	0.39474	(0.00265)	0.39209
36	LVDF: Commodity Rate	0.39474	(0.00265)	0.39209
37	27277 commounty nate	0.00	(0.00203)	0.00200
38	Dual Fuel			
39	Small Volume Dual Fuel-A (SVDF-A)			
40	Basic Charge	\$55.50	\$0.00	\$55.50
41	Delivery Charge 1/	0.12421	0.00000	0.12421
42	Cost of Gas	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161
43	Total Rate	0.44847	(0.00265)	0.44582
44			,	
45	Small Volume Dual Fuel-B (SVDF-B)			
46	Basic Charge	\$88.50	\$0.00	\$88.50
47	Delivery Charge 1/	0.11497	0.00000	0.11497
48	Cost of Gas	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161
49	Total Rate	0.43923	(0.00265)	0.43658
50			,	
51	Large Volume Dual Fuel (LVDF)			
52	Basic Charge	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
53	Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
54	Cost of Gas	0.32426	(0.00265)	0.32161
55	Total Rate	0.39474	(0.00265)	0.39209

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1	TRANSPORTATION SERVICE			
2	<u>Firm</u>			
3	Commercial/Industrial - C - Transport			
4	Basic Charge	\$147.50	\$0.00	\$147.50
5	Delivery Charge 1/	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
6	GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
7	Total Rate	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
8				
9	Large Volume Firm Transport			
10	Basic Charge	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
11				
12	LG Firm: Demand Delivery Charge 1/	0.42990	0.00000	0.42990
13				
14	Commodity Delivery(Per Therm usage)	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
15	GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
16	Total Commodity Delivery 1 /	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
17	, , ,			
18	Firm / Interruptible			
19	Firm-C / Small Volume Dual Fuel-A - Transpo	rt		
20	Basic Charge	<u> </u>	\$0.00	\$155.50
21	Firm C: Delivery Charge 1/	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
22	SVDF-A: Delivery Charge 1/	0.12421	0.00000	0.12421
23	Firm: GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
24	0-			
25	Firm-C / Small Volume Dual Fuel-B - Transpo	rt		
26	Basic Charge	\$188.50	\$0.00	\$188.50
27	Firm C: Delivery Charge 1/	0.15354	0.00000	0.15354
28	SVDF-B: Delivery Charge 1/	0.11497	0.00000	0.11497
29	Firm: GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
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31	Large General Firm/ Large Volume Dual Fuel	- Transport		
32	Basic Charge	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
33	LG Firm: Demand Charge (per unit of Peak I		φο.σσ	\$1,000.00
34	LG Firm: Demand Delivery Charge 1/	0.42990	0.00000	0.42990
35	20 mm. Demand Denvery charge 17	0.42550	0.00000	0.42550
36	LG Firm: Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
37	LVDF - Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
38	Firm: GAP Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
39	Tim. GAL Charge	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
40	Dual Fuel			
41	Small Volume Dual Fuel-A			
42	Basic Charge	\$155.50	\$0.00	\$155.50
43	Delivery Charge 1/	0.12421	0.00000	0.12421
44	Delivery Charge 1/	0.12421	0.00000	0.12421
45	Small Volume Dual Fuel-B			
46	Basic Charge	\$188.50	\$0.00	\$188.50
47	Delivery Charge 1/	0.11497	0.00000	0.11497
48	Delivery Charge 1/	0.11437	0.00000	0.11437
49	Large Volume Dual Fuel			
50	Basic Charge	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
51	Delivery Charge 1/	0.07048	0.00000	0.07048
51 52	Delivery Charge 1/	0.07046	0.00000	0.07046
53	1/ Delivery charge Includes CCRC, does not	include CCPA		
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Base Cost of Gas - Change of COG Components

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Workpaper summarizes the Cost-of-Gas values approved in G-008/MR-18-533 (and made effective on November 1, 2018) and details the final settlement values in the present docket.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

		COST	OF GAS RECOVERY	RATE-PER THERI	M		
					Subtotal	GCR	Total Rate
Line		Description	Commodity	Demand	(b+c)	Factor	(d + e)
No.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1		FIRM:					
2							
3		Residential					
4	11/1/2018		0.32426	0.07984	0.40410	0.00000	0.4041
5		Adjustment	(0.00265)	0.02149	0.01884	0.00000	0.0188
6	NEW	Base Recovery rate	0.32161	0.10133	0.42294	0.00000	0.4229
7							
8							
9		Commercial/Industrial A and					
10		Base Rate	0.32426	0.07984	0.40410	0.00000	0.4041
11		PGA	(0.00265)	0.02149	0.01884	0.00000	0.0188
12		Test Year Recovery Rate	0.32161	0.10133	0.42294	0.00000	0.4229
13							
14							
15		Commercial/Industrial C					
16		Base Rate	0.32426	0.07984	0.40410	0.00000	0.404
17		PGA	(0.00265)	0.02149	0.01884	0.00000	0.0188
18		Test Year Recovery Rate	0.32161	0.10133	0.42294	0.00000	0.4229
19							
20				4.1			
21		<u>Large General Service</u>	0.00406	1/	0.00406	0.0000	0.004
22		Base Rate	0.32426	0.56090	0.32426	0.00000	0.3242
23		PGA	(0.00265)	0.14014	(0.00265)	0.00000	(0.002)
24		Test Year Recovery Rate	0.32161	0.70104	0.32161	0.00000	0.321
25		1/ Demand cost is based	on Peak Day. Total	Rate reflects only	y Commodity costs	S	
20		DUAL FUEL.					
21		DUAL FUEL:					
22 23		Small Valuma Dual Eugl A. B	•				
23 24		Small Volume Dual Fuel A, B Base Rate	0.32426	0.00000	0.32426	0.00000	0.3242
25		PGA		0.00000		0.00000	
		-	(0.00265)		(0.00265)		(0.0026
26 27		Test Year Recovery Rate	0.32161	0.00000	0.32161	0.00000	0.3216
27							
28 29		Large Volume Dual Fuel					
29 30		Base Rate	0.32426	0.00000	0.32426	0.00000	0.3242
		PGA					
31		-	(0.00265)	0.00000	(0.00265)	0.00000	(0.0026
32		Test Year Recovery Rate	0.32161	0.00000	0.32161	0.00000	0.3216

NOTE: values shown here will be duplicated in a companion filing - G-008/MR-19-525 to reset the Base Cost of Gas

Cost of Gas Summary

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This schedule pertains only to Minnesota regulated operations. Page 1 shows the adjustment to base year actual gas costs required to yield projected test year estimated costs. Figures are in thousands. Page 2 details demand costs recovery, which is charged to LV Firm by peak day, and by sales to small volume firm customers. Page 3 estimates total projected test year commodity costs.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
	Description	Actual Base Year 1/	Adjustments	Test Year Cost of Gas
1	Total Company			
2	Demand	86,790	33,352	120,142 2/
3	Commodity	508,615	(80,140)	428,475
4	Gas Cost Adjustment	(57)	57	0
5	Total Cost of Gas	\$ 595,347	\$ (46,731)	\$ 548,615

^{1/ -} Exhibit ___ (MAK-WP), Sch. 21, Workpaper 2, pages 5 and 6

^{2/ -} includes propane costs of \$215,989.

Demand of Gas Recovery Rate

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This page shows the Demand Cost-of Gas: Total and calculation of per-unit rates. Small Volume based on annual sales, Large volume base on Peak Demand. Final Settlement did not change demand charges from initial filing.

1	Total Company		
2			
3	Small Volume Firm: Recovery Rate Calculation		
4			
5	Annual Demand Costs	\$120,142,541	
6	Less LGS Assigned Demand Costs	\$675,770	_
7	Small Firm Demand Cost	\$119,466,771	<u>.</u>
8			
9	Total Small Firm Sales Service - Volumes (DTH)	117,894,897	
10	Small Volume Recovery Rate (/DT)	\$1.0133	-
11			-
12			
13			
14			
15			
16	Test Year Demand Costs: RECOVERY		
17			
18	Annual Small Volume Firm Sales	117,894,897	
19	Small Volume Recovery Rate	\$1.0133	
20	Test Year Small Volume Demand Costs	\$119,467,000	rounded
21			
22	Annual Large Firm Demand Cost		
23	Large General Service: Demand (line 6)	\$675,770	
24	Large General Service - Peak Demand	8,033	
25	Twelve months	12	
26	Large General Service Recovery Rate (line 23/ (line 24*12))	\$7.0104	
27			
28		4	
29	Total Demand Recovery (lines 20 + 23)	\$120,142,770	

Cost of Gas Summary

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This page summarizes the estimated commodity cost of gas for Sales Service over the test year ending September 30, 2018. Figures are in thousands.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
	Description	Test Year Sales ^(a)	Recovery Rate ^(b)	Commodity Costs
1	Total Company			
2	Residential	72,450,155	\$3.2161	\$233,006,943
3	Comm Firm A	2,372,826	\$3.2161	\$7,631,246
4	Comm/Ind Firm B	6,011,470	\$3.2161	\$19,333,489
5	Comm/Ind Firm C	37,060,446	\$3.2161	\$119,190,100
6	Large General Firm	1,485,090	\$3.2161	\$4,776,198
7	Small Dual Fuel A - Sales Service	4,217,440	\$3.2161	\$13,563,709
8	Small Dual Fuel B - Sales Service	2,635,672	\$3.2161	\$8,476,585
9	Large Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service	6,995,813	\$3.2161	\$22,499,234
10	Tatal	122 220 012		¢420,477,504
10	Total	133,228,912		\$428,477,504

a - Original values were rounded to nearest thousand. Revised to show actual forecast.

b - Illustrative updated price - includes indicated Ventura Basis projection

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			<u>/s/ Marie D</u> Marie Do			

Subscribed and sworn to before me The 19th day of November, 2019.

/s/ Melodee Sue Carlson Chang Melodee Sue Carlson Chang Notary Public (Commission Expires January 31, 2024)

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