

The Commission met on **Thursday, August 1, 2019**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Lipschultz, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

E-015/M-12-233

In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s Compliance Report for its Temporary Rider for Residential Time-of-Day Rate for Participants of the Smart Grid Advanced Metering Infrastructure Pilot Project

Commissioner Sieben moved to do the following:

1. Accept Minnesota Power’s February 20, 2019 compliance report as complete.
2. Require Minnesota Power to continue the Time-of-Day (TOD) rate stakeholder process and include in its August 2020 annual compliance report an update of its alternative rate designs.
3. Require Minnesota Power to include in its August 2020 annual compliance report:
 - A. A proposal for one or more preferred TOD rate options,
 - B. A discussion of other options presented by stakeholders, including consideration of higher on-peak to super-off-peak ratios and potential future implementation of dynamic pricing and dynamic time periods, and
 - C. A proposed implementation timeline, including discussion of a proposal to phase in TOD rates as soon as Minnesota Power’s new meter data management system is implemented.
4. Authorize the Executive Secretary to modify reporting deadlines if necessary.

The motion passed 4–0

E-015/M-18-735

In the Matter of Minnesota Power’s Petition for Approval of an Industrial Demand Response Product

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to do the following:

1. Approve Product A (\$0.60 per kW of interruptible billing demand per month).

2. Approve Product C.
3. Deny Product B (the costs of the proposed Product B outweigh the expected benefits).
4. Require MP to submit a compliance filing within 30 days that provides MP's calculation of the demand credits and all supporting calculations.

The motion passed 4–0.

G-011/M-18-182

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Natural Gas Extension Project (NGEP) Cost Rider Surcharge for the Recovery of 2019 Rochester Project Costs

G-011/M-18-281

In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Request for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider

G-011/M-19-282

In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of 2020 Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider Revenue Requirement and Revised Surcharge Factor

G-011/GR-17-563

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service in Minnesota

Commissioner Lipschultz moved to do the following:

1. Decline to reopen Order Approving NGEP Rider Surcharge with Modifications (June 18, 2019) in Docket No. G-011/M-18-182, *In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for Approval of a Natural Gas Extension Project (NGEP) Cost Rider Surcharge for the Recovery of 2019 Rochester Project Costs*, and deny the request of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) to suspend its Natural Gas Extension Project (NGEP) Cost Rider Surcharge for Direct Connect Customers.
2. Reopen Order Approving Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider With Modifications And Requiring Compliance Filing (February 5, 2019) and Order Approving Compliance Filing (April 25, 2019) in Docket No. G-011/M-18-281, *In the Matter of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Request for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider*, and approve MERC's request to suspend its Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider surcharge for Direct Connect Customers.

3. Require MERC to address any potential refunds or surcharges in the next NGEP and GUC rate-factor adjustment and true-up filings.
4. Require MERC to make a compliance filing, within 30 days, with updated tariff sheets with supporting schedules and calculations for impacted customer classes.

The motion passed 4–0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: September 18, 2019



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary