

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON COMPLETENESS AND PROCEDURES

Issued: November 4, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Utility Service in Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: E-015/GR-16-664

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 14, 2016 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes November 21, 2016 at 4:30pm
Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Whether Minnesota Power's application complies with the filing requirements of Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Minn. Rules, Parts 7825.3100 to 7825.4400, and relevant Commission Orders, and
- Whether this matter should be sent to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing and if so, what the scope of the hearing should be.

Project Background: On November 2, 2016, Minnesota Power filed a request to increase rates for electric service in Minnesota with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). In its filing, Minnesota Power seeks authority to increase rates by \$55,123,680, or approximately 9.1 percent overall, effective January 1, 2017 without suspension. If the Commission suspends the proposed rate increase under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2, Minnesota Power requests, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3, an interim rate increase of \$48,632,259 annually, or approximately 8.0 percent, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2017. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3, the Commission sets interim rates on an "ex-parte" basis.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

Submit Public Comments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

- *If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.*

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