

NOTICE OF EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: June 24, 2016

In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy's Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program

PUC Docket Number: G-008/M-16-486

In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Evaluation of its Gas Affordability Program

PUC Docket Number: G-002/M-16-493

In the Matter of Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Gas Affordability Program Pilot
Evaluation Report 2016

PUC Docket Number: G-004/M-16-495

Comment Period:

The comment period in this case has been extended at the request of the Minnesota Department of Commerce under Minn. Rules, Chapter 7829.

The new deadline for filing *initial* comments is **December 13, 2016** at 4:30pm.

The new deadline for filing *reply* comments is **December 23, 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 Open for Comment:

- CenterPoint Energy's, Xcel Energy's and Great Plains Natural Gas Company's Gas Affordability Program (GAP) pilot evaluation reports
- Should the Gas Affordability Programs (GAP) continue as pilot programs or be made permanent with periodic evaluations?

Case Background: Xcel Energy submitted its GAP Evaluation Report on May 31, 2016. CenterPoint Energy and Great Plains Natural Gas Company submitted Reports on June 1, 2016. On June 13, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, requested a six-month extension to consider these reports. On June 15 and 16, 2016, CenterPoint Energy, Xcel Energy and Great Plains Natural Gas Company indicated they have no objections to

the Department's request. However, because these programs expire on December 31, 2016, all three companies proposed extensions of the programs until the evaluations can be completed.

The Commission will take up the requests to extend the term of the three pilot Gas Affordability Programs, which are due to end on December 31, 2016, at a future Commission meeting.

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