

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: February 12, 2019

**In the Matter of the Petition of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas and Minnesota Limited**

**PUC Docket Number(s):** G-008/AI-18-517

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes March 12, 2019 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes March 22, 2019 at 4:30pm

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**Issue:** Affiliate Interest Agreement between Center Point Energy Minnesota Gas and Minnesota Limited

### Topics Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission approve the Affiliated Interest Agreement?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On July 30, 2018, CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CPEM) filed a petition with the Commission asking for approval of an affiliated interest agreement with Minnesota Limited, which will become an affiliate of CenterPoint Energy upon the closing of CenterPoint Holdco's acquisition of Vectren Corporation.

On October 26, 2018, CPEM filed a document entitled Stipulation of CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, which agreed to a number of conditions related to the Vectren transaction. CPEM states that, if the Commission approves the Stipulation, the parties (Department of Commerce and the Office of the Attorney General Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division) agree the Commission can consider the affiliated interest petition on its merits and take no further action on the transaction. The Department and OAG did not sign the Stipulation.

On January 14, 2019 the Commission issued its Order approving the October 26, 2018 CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas Stipulation and asking the Minnesota Department of Commerce to move forward with considering the

merits of CPEM's petition requesting approval of the affiliated interest agreement, and invited other parties to do so as well.

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