

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: May 17, 2018

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Appropriateness of Continuing to Permit Electric Energy Cost Adjustments

PUC Docket Number(s): E-999/CI-03-802

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 29, 2018 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes July 9, 2018 at 4:30pm

The Commission may determine that it will not consider comments received after the close of the comment period.

Issues: Do the Xcel Energy, Otter Tail Power and Minnesota Power's April 30, 2018 compliance filings comply with the Commission's December 19, 2017 Order?

Should there be any changes to the methodology approved in the Commission's December 19, 2017 Order?

Topics Open for Comment:

- Do the Xcel Energy, Otter Tail Power and Minnesota Power's April 30, 2018 compliance filings comply with the Commission's December 19, 2017 Order?
- Should any changes be made to the approved methodology?
- Should any changes be made to the approved implementation timetable?
- What constitutes a "significant" change to forecasts?
- Should any changes be made to the monthly AA or annual AAA filing requirements?
- Should any changes be made to the quarterly fuel forecast filing requirements?
- What variances, if any, will be required to implement the new FCA methodology?

Background: On June 2, 2016, the Commission issued its ORDER ACTING ON ELECTRIC UTILITIES' ANNUAL REPORTS AND REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FILINGS, in this and three other dockets. In that Order, the Commission directed the Department, alone or jointly with other parties, to prepare a complete proposal for the recovery of energy costs delivered to customers, including possible reform of the fuel clause adjustment mechanism, with all the details necessary to fully implement such a proposal. On March 8, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Department) submitted its proposal.

On April 28, 2017, Xcel Energy (Xcel), Otter Tail Power (OTP), Minnesota Power (MP), the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce (MCC) and the Minnesota Large Industrial Group (MLIG) filed comments on the Department's proposal.

On May 26, 2017, the Department, the OAG, and the MLIG filed reply comments.

On October 19, 2017, the Commission met to consider the Department's proposal. On December 19, 2017, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING NEW ANNUAL FUEL CLAUSE ADJUSTMENT REQUIREMENTS AND SETTING FILING REQUIREMENTS. In its December 19, 2017 Order, the Commission approved the Department's FCA reform proposal and ordered Xcel, MP, and OTP to make compliance filings addressing implementation of the Commission's decision.

On April 30, 2018, Xcel, MP, and OTP submitted their compliance filings.

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.

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