NOTICE OF REPORTING REQUIRED BY UTILITIES
Issued: May 20, 2020

In the Matter of an Inquiry into Utility Investments that May Assist in Minnesota’s Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

PUC Docket Number(s): E,G-999/CI-20-492

Comment Period: Initial reporting from utilities due June 17, 2020 at 4:30pm


Information Required in Utilities’ Reports:

- For all rate-regulated electric and gas utilities, please provide a list of all ongoing, planned, or possible investments that meet the following conditions:
  - Provide significant utility system benefits;
  - Are consistent with approved resource plans, approved natural gas distribution infrastructure or pipeline safety plans, triennial conservation plans, and existing Commission orders;
  - Reduce carbon or other pollutant emissions in the power sector or across economic sectors;
  - Increase access to conservation and clean energy resources for Minnesotans;
  - Create jobs or otherwise assist in economic recovery for Minnesotans; and
  - Use woman, veteran, or minority owned businesses as much as possible and provide documentation of these efforts.

- For each of the listed investments, please provide a brief description about how the investments meets the above conditions. Please provide an estimate of the time period for initiating and completing each project and the project costs.

Upon receipt of the above-referenced filings, the Commission will establish a process to further review and evaluate the reports.
Background On May 5, 2020, in Docket No. E,G-999/CI-20-425, In the Matter of an Inquiry into the Financial Effects of COVID-19 on Natural Gas and Electric Utilities, Commissioner Joseph K. Sullivan issued a Memo proposing the Commission open a docket to request information from the regulated electric and gas utilities on the possibilities for investments that would assist in Minnesota’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 7, 2020, the Commission met to discuss the matter and Ordered a notice be sent requesting information from the regulated electric and gas utilities on the investments that would assist in Minnesota’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, as more specifically set out in Commissioner Sullivan’s May 5, 2020 memo, and elaborated upon in the May 7 Commission meeting.

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